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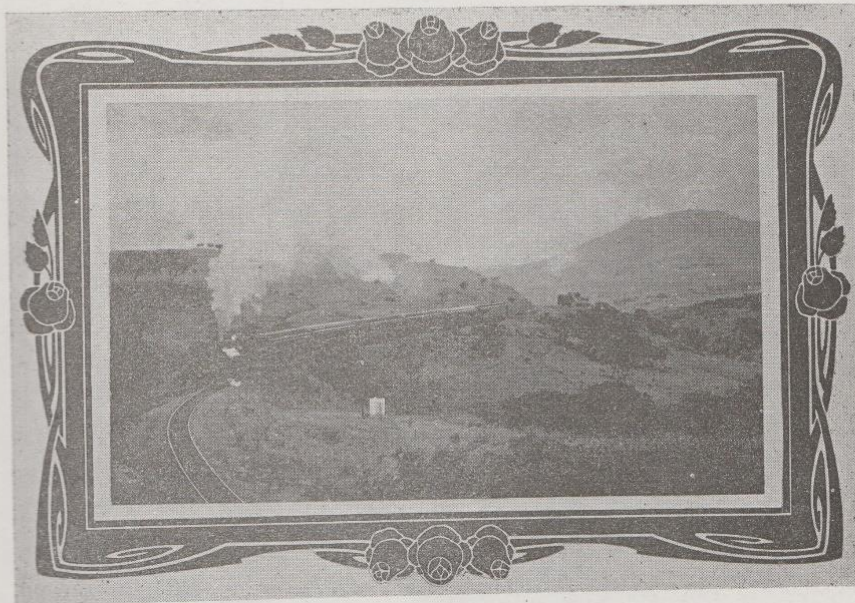


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EN-ROUTE TO THE NATAL TROUT FISHING DISTRICTS.

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Introduction.

IT is a shallow as well as a dismal scheme of life which ignores or undervalues the importance of recreation. In these days when Colonial business life is becoming more engrossing and the pursuit of what is called pleasure more laborious, it is more than ever desirable to find occasional change of scene and occupation which shall be really refreshing ; which shall at once recruit the energies of the body and give free play to faculties and feelings which are shelved during the daily routine of working life. Mere locomotion is not enough ; our thoughts must be turned into new and pleasant channels, and we must seek places suited to new phases of agreeable activity.

It is of course true that what is recreation to one man might be weariness to another of different tastes and habits, who feels the strain of overwork in different functions of body or mind. A well-earned holiday may be employed in fifty different ways, each having its own fitness. But in comparing various recreations we may fairly give the palm to that which

suits the greatest number of cases ; that in which a large proportion of intelligent men find healthful bodily exercise, combined with light yet interesting occupation for the mind.

Perhaps none satisfies these conditions more completely than angling. In it's most refined form, fly-fishing rises to the dignity of an elegant and ingenious art, combining in a singular degree the active and the contemplative, the practical and the scientific element.



AN EARLY CATCH.

Natal.—The Angler's Paradise.

Just as Durban has been steadily growing in favour as a seaside and holiday resort with the residents in the inland colonies, so the rivers in the midlands of Natal have become increasingly popular with anglers in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony and indeed in all parts of South Africa.

"One of the saddest moments when packing up to move to this land," writes an Army Officer, in the "South African Field," "was when I came to my fishing rods, and surmised that they would, probably for years, hang idle on their nails ; but reality has proved far different, and I can now say without exaggeration that the man without well preserved water of his own has out here a better chance of sport than he has at Home."

As most anglers know, trout have now been acclimatised in South Africa, and several rivers have been stocked for from five to ten years ; the fry grow about an inch a month—at any rate in their first two years—so most of the Natal rivers are now at their best, and in all probability will continue to afford excellent sport.



NOTTINGHAM
ROAD
HOTEL.

The Trout Season comes round.

The bursting of the spring time sun which warms to life the tender off-spring of the kingdom of flora is also the time when the sportsman, angler and tourist and seeker after health and pleasure are on the alert to determine when and where to spend a brief holiday season.

To quite a large number of South Africans the early summer months are looked forward to as one of the bright spots in the year, when for a brief space the cares of business may be cast aside and life given up to enjoyment.

The daily improvements and increased facilities of modern travel, the easy accessibility of places which formerly were considered out of the way, render it constantly more difficult to determine which resort to select for holiday and sport, but notwithstanding the attractions of other districts, Natal will more than ever com-



THE RUN TO THE RIVER FROM
NOTTINGHAM ROAD.

mand the attention of the angler not only on the score of the excellent sport which her rivers afford, but for the historic interest of the territories through which these rivers flow, the delightful climate which prevails in the midlands of Natal during the fishing season and the conveniences of travel and hotel accommodation which are now available for the follower of Izaak Walton.



FROM THE STATION AT
NOTTINGHAM ROAD
TO THE BUNGALOW.

Fishing Districts.

Elsewhere will be found tabulated information as to the facilities available for the tourist and fisherman, but doubtless a little more detail in regard to the different *Trout Fishing* centres may be helpful to anglers residing outside Natal.

Bushman's River.

This river was stocked in 1890 and in its higher reaches excellent sport may be obtained, but owing to counter attractions of the Big and Little Mooi Rivers it has not been fished so much as in previous years, although those who have visited the stream have had every cause for satisfaction; for if



FISHING ON THE LOWER REACHES.

the fish run somewhat smaller, they are numerous and large enough to afford good sport to those who take the trouble to make the journey to this stream. Trout weighing up to 4-lbs. are found in this river. The river and its environment are well worth a visit apart from the fishing, and the lover of nature will be well repaid, for the country is at all times beautiful beyond expression.

In order to get to that part of the river which is available to visitors, namely, that section which runs through Crown Native Trust Lands, it is necessary to ride or drive from Estcourt Station about 20 miles, the distance being about 25 miles from Mooi River Station.

A stretch of water in extent about ten miles is under the control of the Natal Anglers' Association. Permits to fish



TIDLERS'
STRETCH.

and all necessary information as to facilities, etc., can be obtained from Mr. J. L. Watson, Maritzburg, the Secretary, or Mr. W. S. Fisher, Estcourt, the local Secretary to the Association.

No hotel accommodation is available near the River. It is necessary, therefore, for visitors to provide themselves with tents, or obtain accommodation at a store close to Ulundi Drift.

At Estcourt the Railway and the Plough Hotels afford adequate accommodation at reasonable prices.

Horses, conveyances and mule transport can be supplied by Mr. A. Steyn, Estcourt, or by Mr. Swan, Argyle Hotel, Mooi River.

Mooi River at Rosetta.

Rosetta Station is situated about four miles by rail to the north of Nottingham Road. A more secluded and prettier spot than the country surrounding Rosetta Hotel would be hard to find, even in the Garden Colony. Under the management of the genial proprietor the inner man is not only well catered for, but is actually pampered. The accommodation is excellent and the scenery leaves little to be desired. An ardent Transvaal angler recently (April, 1909) contributed to the "South African Field,"

a brief account of a visit to the Mooi River at Rosetta, which by the courtesy of that journal is quoted.

"You leave Park Station at 8 p.m., and arrive at Rosetta at about 2 p.m. the following day, the hotel being a stone's throw from the station. The proprietor will arrange for your fishing rights over a distance of some ten miles or more of the river, which runs within a couple of hundred yards of the hotel, and for which rights no charge whatever is made.

"Saddle horses or a trap and horses may be hired at very reasonable rates, and the services of a Zulu or two are procurable for next to nothing.



ARRIVED AT THE BUNGALOW.



THE BUNGALOW TREES.

"The climate here during the fishing season is perfect, the altitude being about 4,800 feet above sea level. The river as its name implies, is beautiful, and is besides, a typical trout stream. It flows in a clear stream over a rocky



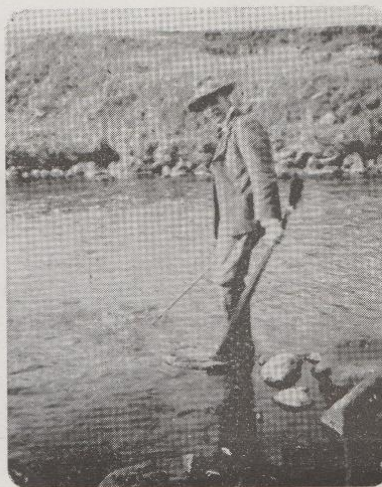
THE SCENE FROM WHICH FISHING
OPERATIONS COMMENCE.

bottom, the average width being about 30 yards. One of its best reaches is situated about three hundred yards from the hotel. This reach is about two hundred yards long, and this season produced a four-and-a-half pound brown

trout and a large number of brown and a few rainbow ranging from half to three and a half pounds.

"The banks of the river, and especially where the rapids and falls occur, are practically free from shrub and rushes, and the angler has in consequence no trouble in either casting or landing. About two miles up-stream from Rosetta Hotel the property of that most hospitable and genial of Natal farmers, Mr. William Henwood, is reached. Permission to fish on this property, which embraces about four miles of river, will not be refused to any good sportsman. Here will be found a number of particularly good reaches, the drift at the homestead being exceptionally good. From these reaches a number of trout, averaging about three pounds, were taken this season. A pleasant recollection of the trout taken from this part of the river is their exceedingly good flavour, due of course, to the nature and condition of the food supply.

"What, to my mind is, however, the best reach of the river, and where the largest fish are to be found, is at a spot known as the Falls, a distance of about ten miles up-stream from Rosetta Hotel. Here, in beautiful scenery, the crystal water falls from a height of about forty feet into a large seething and foam-bespattered pool, the water running off in a succession of splendid rapids.



OUT FOR THE DAY.

"About five hundred yards from the Falls, and above them is the homestead of Mr. Downie, a farmer and expert fisherman, who will put anglers up at a very reasonable charge. In a long rapid immediately below the homestead, Mr. Downie this season killed a magnificent 6-lb. brown trout, one of the largest killed in these parts. The favourite feeding ground about here, however, appears to be the pool immediately below the falls and the rapids below them. The best way to reach this spot from Rosetta is to hire a pony and proceed by road. A ride of an hour and a half will take you to Mr. Downie's homestead. The pleasure derived from a ride over those magnificent Natal hills is in itself worth the money.

"The progress of the trout down stream seems remarkably slow. From the evidence of local residents, the fish seem to have taken some eighteen months to two years to reach Rosetta from the spot where they were first put in. This may perhaps be due to the fact that most of the trout appear to be the brown, and these, I believe, although I am open to correction, do not readily seek pastures new.

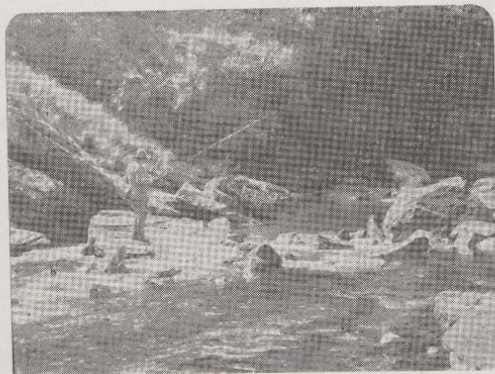
"From Rosetta to within a mile or so of the Falls, the trout will look at nothing larger than a No. 14. At the Falls and above them they seem to prefer a No. 9. or 10. March Brown, Zulu and May appear to be the favourite flies, at all events during March. In the dusk the White Moth is quite useful."



THE UPPER REACHES (THE GORGE).

Mooi River—Nottingham Road.

This River was stocked by Government in 1899 and on its upper reaches is undoubtedly the finest trout stream in Natal and one of the best in South Africa.



THE HOME OF THE TROUT.

One great charm about this river is the absence of the great beds of reeds that fringe most South African streams. The fish are large and plentiful. The part of the river from which the best

sport may be obtained starts from the falls (on the Hon. C. J. Smythe's farm) which effectively bar the passage of the scale fish or "Scaley's," and right up from there to its source a stretch of something like 40 miles the river teems with trout.

In March of the present year three well-known anglers from the Transvaal visited these waters and the following report taken from the "South African Field" speaks eloquently of the success of their visit to this Angler's Paradise.

The party had capital sport during their three weeks trip, catching no fewer than 563 trout, some of which scaled 3½ lbs. To those amongst our readers who have experienced the delights of trout-fishing in the Old Country, the catch will come as a revelation as to possibilities of the sport in South Africa.

The Mooi River affords some of the best fishing in South Africa at the present time. The particular reach which was fished by the party mentioned above is some three hours drive from the Nottingham Road Hotel, which is ably conducted by Mrs. M. L. Singleton.



"JUST HOOKED."

Number of Fish and weights :—Saturday, 6 ; Sunday, 6 (one $1\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs.); Monday, 12 (from $1\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs.); Tuesday, 10 (from 2-lbs); Wednesday, 5 (from 2-lbs.); Thursday, 21 ($1\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs.); Friday, 8 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs.); Total. 68.

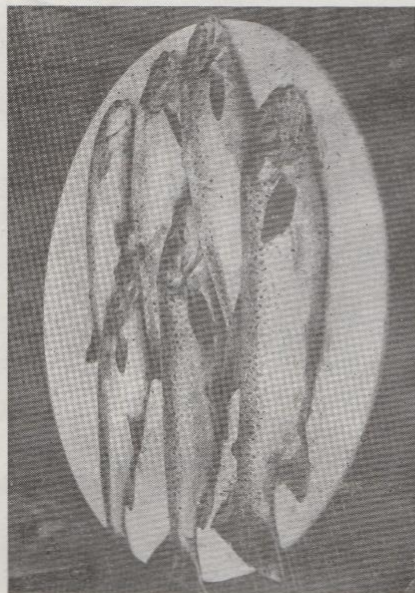
Saturday, 5 ; Sunday, 15 ($2\frac{3}{4}$ -lbs. down); Monday, 22 ($2\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs. down); Tuesday, 4 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs. down); Wednesday, 12 ($1\frac{3}{4}$ -lbs. to $\frac{3}{4}$ -lb.); Thursday, 9 ($2\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs. down); Friday, 11 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs. down); Total, 78.

Saturday, 19 ($3\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs., $2\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs., $2\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs. down); Sunday, 6 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs., others 1-lb.); Monday, 20 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs., 2-lbs. down); Tuesday, 10 ($1\frac{1}{2}$ -lbs., to $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. down); Wednesday, 14 ($1\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs. down); Thursday, 10 ($1\frac{1}{4}$ -lbs. down); Total, 79. Grand Total, 225.

The Flies used here with most success include March Brown, Zulu, Woodcock and Yellow, Hares Ear, Blue Upright, Red Spinner, Butcher, and Brown Killer, No. 12 Hook.

The Mooi River is considered the most easily fished river in Natal, having low banks, while as already stated the absence of obstacles in the shape of reeds and trees leaves nothing to be desired as regards casting. Over and above the fishing, the scenery is magnificent, for the Camburg and other mountains are in the immediate foreground with the noble Giant's Castle peaks always in view and within one day's riding distance. The district is the healthiest in Natal, being 5,000 feet above sea level.

There are several Bushman's Caves adjacent to the river, the paintings in which are in a fine state of preservation.



AMATEUR CATCH IN CANAL WATERS.

For the convenience of visitors and anglers, Mr. H. L. Singleton has erected a Bungalow at the river side. Here accommodation, catering and attendance on similar lines to that of a first-class Hotel can be obtained. Terms are 15/- per day, which include Rod, with special terms to sportsmen staying over a week.

It will be so arranged that each fishing party of three or more shall have a stretch allowed to themselves.

No artificial bait is allowed, except on certain portions of the river which sections will be marked out with signposts bearing the letter "M."

No coloured people allowed to fish.

Sportsmen are requested to put back into the river any fish caught whose length does not exceed 10 inches.



"IN THE NET."

Conveyance to the Bungalow from Nottingham Road (about 2½ hours drive) can be arranged at the Hotel, charges being: Seat in trap 15/-; same charge being made on returning; if more than one rod a charge of 10/6 each person, or use of saddle horse 10/6; same charge on returning.

Fishers desiring of having the use of ponies whilst fishing can do so at the rate of 5/- per day. Also Gillies (natives) at 2/- per day.

A supply of most suitable fishing tackle will always be on hand at the Bungalow.

All over-border trains stop at Nottingham Road Station by intimation from the passengers, and the Corridor trains stop at that Station from October to March (inclusive) to pick up and set down Durban and Maritzburg passengers.

Umgeni River—Dargle.

The Umgeni River was stocked in 1890. The Trout in this River have increased so rapidly that there is scarcely sufficient food for them. For some years excellent sport has been obtained and the fish have averaged from ½ to 3-lbs. though a considerable percentage are much heavier. There are about six miles of fishing available on one bank and three on the other.

The river is about 9 miles from Dargle Station, but conveyances are available and may be obtained at the Dargle Hotel as per following particulars:—

DARGLE HOTEL—Distant nine miles from Dargle Road Station. Conveyances meet Trains by appointment only.

TARIFF.	£	s.	d.
Meals	...	2	6
Beds (each person)	...	2	6
Per day	...	8	6
Per week	...	2	2 0
Per month	...	8	10 0

Children under 10 years half-price. Infants in arms, 10/- week.
 Fee from and to Station free if remaining a week.

One person occupying a double room is charged at the rate of one-and-a-half, unless special arrangements are made.

The hotel is distant three miles from the Umgeni River, in which splendid Trout fishing is to be had.

Horses and conveyances may be hired from the hotel at the following prices :—

Per Single Fare 5/-

Two, or more Fares 2/6 each Fare.

The above charges are for conveying anglers to the river and back in the evening.

Native boys to carry lunch baskets, etc., are supplied at the rate of 1/6 a day. No charge is made for making up lunch baskets for fisherman.

Particulars as to fishing licenses may be obtained from the proprietor of the Dargle Hotel. No tackle is stocked, but all orders may be placed with the proprietor who will have them promptly executed.



BUSHMEN'S DRAWINGS ON THE BANKS OF THE MOOI RIVER.

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In small and shallow streams, unless food is exceptionally abundant, trout will take the fly readily enough when in the humour, and that trout humour is a very strange thing. During a portion of the day the fish lie hidden in holes in the bank under the shelter of rocks and stones or under overhanging bunches of weeds, and the cleverest flyfisher in Natal will fail to obtain any sport worthy of mention.

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GIANT'S POOL (GORGE WATERS).

The Rod.

The rod recommended by experts in fly-fishing is not more than ten feet in length, fairly powerful in the top joint and not too stout in the butt, playing well down to the hand. One of the best and cheapest forms of fly-rod is made of greenheart. Still better, but more expensive, is a rod of solid pieces of cane built up in sections. Whole cane rods are a good deal used, and may be recommended to ladies for their lightness. The rings should in every case be upright and err, if anything, on the side of largeness.

The Line.

The line is a matter of some considerable importance. It should invariably be tapered (at both ends for preference) and be of eight-plait silk, round, solid, and dressed with linseed oil which has been forced into it by placing the line in the oil under an air-pump, and exhausting the air. Several dressings are necessary, and many rubbings down to obtain that beautiful smooth surface which is so invaluable when shooting the line through the rings in order to make an extra long cast. The stoutest part of the line should be nearly as strong as a salmon line. The size is of course, not necessary for the purpose of holding a fish, but to give the weight which ensures great precision in casting and enables the angler to get out a fly in the teeth of a considerable breeze. Where the line joins the gut it is, of course, tapered very fine, and there is nothing to alarm the fish.

The Reel.

The choice of a reel is a matter which is best left to the habit and inclination of the angler.

The Fly.

The angler will not fail to realise this essential fact, that there are two distinct and widely different methods of fishing with a trout fly, and that these are known as the dry and wet fly methods.

In the dry fly method one fly only is used ; this fly is cast up stream just above the rise, or the spot at which the trout is supposed to be lying, and should then float down towards the fish on the surface of the water.

In the wet fly method from two to four flies should be attached to the cast ; these flies are cast either across and up stream or across and down stream, and allowed to sink below the surface of the water. These comprise two entirely distinct styles of wet fly fishing.

In the one style the flies at the end of a long line and cast are allowed to sink well below the surface and to be carried down stream towards every spot where trout may be lying. The stream is thus thoroughly searched by flies which are invisible to the angler, and, in consequence, no dependence can be placed on the rise of the fish being seen, the angler having, in most cases, to depend on his sense of touch for a knowledge as to fish rising at any of his flies, and, therefore, when a fish is caught, it is because the fish, in most cases, hooks himself. In the other, in casting wet flies up



AN INTERLUDE.

Trout Flies

12 HOOK.

Zulu	Woodcock and Yellow.	Alder & Red Hackle	Kare's Ear	Red Spinner	Orange Governor
Golden Dun	Blue Dun	March Brown Male	March Brown Female	Butcher	May Fly
Cochy bondhu	Wickham's Fancy	Coachman	Woodcock & Red.	Black Gnat	Alexandra
Blue Bottle	White Moth				

9 HOOK

Alexandra	Zulu	May Fly	Alder & Red Hackle	Cochy bondhu	Butcher
White Moth	March Brown Male				

10 HOOK.

Red Ant	March Brown Male	Turkey Brown	Butcher	Blue Upright	Cochy bondhu
Zulu	Orange Fly				

FLIES KEPT IN STOCK AT THE BUNGALOW.

stream, a short line and cast is used. Each cast being made with the definite object of fishing either for a rising fish or for a feeding fish whose position is known or assumed, the flies should be allowed to sink only a few inches at the most below the surface, and the rise of the fish should, in consequence, be apparent to the angler, a straight line and the flies always moving being generally necessary, the fish in this style being mostly hooked by the angler's initiative in striking. This style of fishing, which is undoubtedly more scientific and interesting than fishing with wet fly down stream, is comparatively speaking, but little known, and it is often condemned by those who have not given it a fair trial.

When a trout is seen to rise, then the strike determines its capture. In fishing up stream the angler, in four cases out of five, is dependent on his skill and alertness in striking for his fish. In wet fly fishing down stream the angler is dependent in four cases out of five for the fish to hook itself, and in this respect alone it will be admitted that the greater interest must centre in fishing up stream.

Many excellent fisherman confine their fishing to either the wet or dry fly method, but the most successful fisherman generally will be he who is in reality the master of both.

The fly, the lure to which above all others the true angler loves to resort, the mimic insect, is in every way interesting. A trout fly needs above all things to be strong. Neatness and finish may often be dispensed with, if the colours be only right, but strength is indispensable.

With regard to the number of flies to be used on a cast—a vexed question amongst anglers—no general rule can be laid down. In fishing a stream where the fish are large and the flies to be used small, it may often be found the best policy to use one fly only, but there are many streams in which a second and even a third fly will assist the basket.

For the Natal rivers the best size of hook is No. 12 and the flies used with most success are March Brown, male and female, Zulu, Woodcock and Yellow, Hares Ear, Blue Upright, Red Spinner, Butcher and Brown Killer.

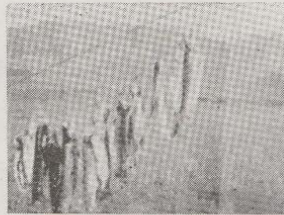


CAPE CART SIX-IN-HAND
RETURNING FROM BUNGALOW.

Natal Anglers' Association.

The Natal Anglers' Association was formed in the year 1901, a time when trout fishing was practically unknown in the colony, and it may be claimed for the Association that, during the past eight years, it has been the means of disseminating information which has resulted in the provision of excellent sport for residents of the colony, as well as giving trout fishers from other parts of South Africa and the Homeland an opportunity of enjoying their favourite pastime.

A MORNING
CATCH, GORGE
WATERS—



—BY
MR. NAIRN,
JOHANNESBURG.

What has been done in Natal for the Fly-fisherman.

It will be interesting to South African anglers to learn the dates on which certain of the Natal rivers have been stocked with trout.

1899.

Streams stocked with Trout from Hatchery at Tetworth.

	Brown Trout.
Lower Umgeni, below junction with Karkloof	- 500
One caught the following season.	
Karkloof and Yarrow	- - - 427
One of these grew to be 14 inches long.	
Lion's River (Lidgetton)	- - - 500
One caught 9 inches long next year.	
Little Bushman's River	- - - -
No Report.	
C. B. Lloyd—pond	- - - 100
Mooi River—Game Pass	- - - 400
These are the parent fish of the trout in the river at the present time.	
It has been said that the Mooi River is the best trout stream in South Africa. It is estimated that the value of the fishing to the District is not less than £300 per annum at the present time.	
Tetworth	- - - 50
These seem to have given place to the Rainbow Trout.	

1900.

Brown Trout received from Cape Colony, applied for by J. H. Morton, Esq. Fry distributed :

J. J. Morton, Karkloof	- - - 1000
G. Mackenzie, tributary Umgeni	- - - 200
J. Trotter, Yarrow	- - - 500
A. S. Parkinson, Shafton	- - - 250
Tetworth	- - - 250
W. Trafford, Little Mooi River	- - - 200
Government Ponds	- - - 50

Out of this lot only those taken to Little Mooi River did any good.
One caught in 1906 weighed 6-lbs. This year (1909), one weighing
7-lbs. 5-ozs. was landed.

1901.

			Rainbow Trout.
Umvoti River, near its source	-	-	700
None of them ever seen again.			
Umsindusi, Edendale	-	-	400
Seen the following season.			
Ipolela	-	-	530
Reported doing well for two years, then they disappeared.			
Tetworth	-	-	40
One of these trout was killed on March 10th, 1903, 16½ inches long, girth 9 in., weight 1-lb. 12-oz. The progeny of this fish are to be found in the stream at the present time. They breed freely but none are ever found below Tetworth in the Karkloof.			

1902.

Rainbow Trout from Cape Colony.

Camperdown Reservoir	-	-	1000
None of these were ever seen again.			
Eland River, Bosten	-	-	500
None of these were ever seen again.			
Ladysmith Reservoir	-	-	—
None of these were ever seen again.			
Mooi River, Hlatikulu branch	-	-	350
One of these was caught, weight 2-lbs., and returned to the river. Reported by Mr. Russell to be in the river in 1907.			

1903.

During the year 1903 no streams were stocked. First attempt made to rear Natal bred ova. This was a failure.

1904.

Rainbow Trout from Capetown.

Stocked Umkomaas above Impendhle	-	-	500
Insinga, tributary to Umkomaas	-	-	250
Tugela, at Bergville	-	-	300
Lembonjwa	-	-	250
M'Weni	-	-	250
Incandu and Ingogo	-	-	900
Ixopo	-	-	250
Illovo	-	-	200
Little Umkomaas	-	-	200
†Shelter Spruit, Howick	-	-	65
†Hutchinson, Balgowan	-	-	200
Lower Umgeni, 10 miles below Howick	-	-	200
Umlaas, above Nel's Rust	-	-	200
†Tributary, Impolweni	-	-	102
†G. Symon's dam, Karkloof	-	-	50
†Lower Umvoti (Kearsney)	-	-	655
††P. D. Simmond's dam	-	-	175
†Yarrow	-	-	50
†Umgeni, three miles above Howick	-	-	131

†—These did well.

††—Tetworth ova.

1905.

†Tributary, Lion's River, Newstead	-	-	250
†Dundee Reservoir	-	-	212
These grew to be fine fish. Escaped in 1907.			
Sunday's River	-	-	545
No report			
†Wilge River, near Harrismith, O.R.C.	-	-	830

1905.—continued.

Lower Umkomaas (Major Silburn) -	-	-	565
Most of these died in journey.			
T. Mackenzie, Lower Umgeni -	-	-	205
Dam burst, fish escaped.			
Elands River, Incwadi Station -	-	-	200
No report.			
†Little Tugela, Gourton Bridge -	(Brown)		335

†—These did well. Above, all Tetworth ova.

1906.

Flood. Stock ponds 18 inches under water. All the Rainbow Trout escaped.

Stocked Umsindusi, Taylor's station -	-	-	150
These did well.			
Inkonka, Dronk Vlei -	-	-	160
No report.			

1907.

Cape Ova.

†Yarrow -	-	200	Ipolela (Richmond) -	400
†Newstead -	-	102	†Larana -	200
Umvoti (Blackwater) 600			Incandu -	420
J. J. Morton -	-	100	Ingogo -	620
Pivaan -	-	100	Kearsney -	410
Dundee Reservoir -	240		Umlaas Reservoir -	400
Tugela, Lembonjwa 250			Umsindusi -	450
M'weni -	-	250	Impolweni -	150
Little Tugela, Win'tn 190			Rooi Spruit -	100

†—These did well.

With the exception of the Umgeni, Mooi, and Bushman's Rivers there is no definite information with regard to the success, or otherwise, of the stocking of these rivers. There is, however, no doubt that the three rivers named carry an abundance of fish, and I think it may be stated without fear of contradiction that the Mooi River affords better sport than any river in this Colony, and in few rivers in the British Isles can better sport be obtained.

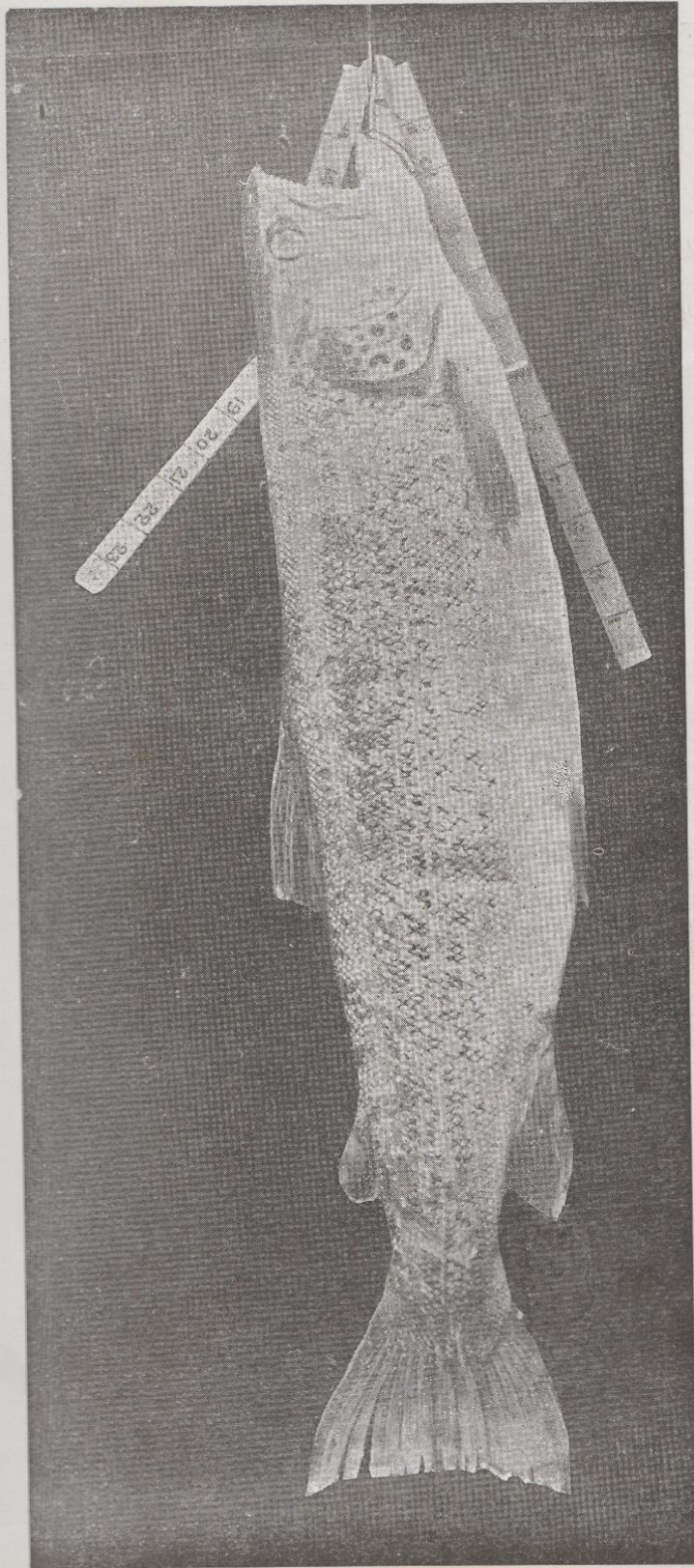
The lands abutting on the Mooi River are held by private owners and certain of these owners have leased their fishing rights to Mr. Singleton, of Nottingham Road. Mr. Singleton, of course, makes a charge for fishing in these waters, but he has entered thoroughly into his work, and provides comfort and good sport for his patrons.

The lands on the Umgeni River are also held by private owners, and the Association has up till now leased the fishing rights over two farms on the Umgeni and it is being considered as to whether leases should not be determined, and so give an opportunity to the owners of these rivers to undertake the management and the fishing on the rivers.

The Natal Anglers' Association has the right of fishing over all waters flowing through Location lands for a nominal rental. These rivers include the Bushman's and Umsindusi.

There is excellent fishing on the Bushman's River, and there is no doubt but that there is trout in the Umsindusi, which is near to Pietermaritzburg and easy of access.

The Secretary of the Natal Anglers' Association is Mr. J. L. Watson, Pietermaritzburg, who will gladly furnish particulars regarding the Association to any one interested in it's work.



6-LB. 12-OZ TROUT CAUGHT BY MR. G. F. OWEN, BUNGALOW WATERS, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1909, ON A NO. 12 HOOK BUTCHER,
IN THE CANAL WATERS, BRIGHT DAY, SLIGHT BREEZE.

Rules and Regulations of the Natal Anglers' Association.

1. That the Association shall be called the "NATAL ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION."
2. That the objects of the Association shall be as follows:—
 - (a) To obtain and exercise the fishing rights over one or more of the rivers of Natal.
 - (b) To regulate the fishing and manner of capturing fish in such rivers as may come under the control of the Association.
 - (c) To aid in the preservation of trout, salmon, and other fish, where they are already in existence, and to assist in their introduction into other rivers.
 - (d) To investigate and report on the condition of the fish caught, with a view of determining the season which should be closed for fishing.
3. The Association year shall commence on the 1st day of August, and terminate on the 31st day of July in each and every year.
4. That a general meeting of the Association shall be held during the month of August in each year for the purpose of hearing the President's report, discussion of general business, and election of President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and Committee for the ensuing year.
5. That the Committee shall consist of 25 Members, of whom not more than 12 nor less than 10 shall be residents of Pietermaritzburg and Durban. The Committee, shall, however, have power to add to their number representatives of Country Districts as from time to time may be deemed expedient.
6. That Four Members of the Committee shall form a quorum. The Chairman shall have a casting, as well as a deliberate vote.
7. Any Seven Members of the Committee may petition the President to direct that an extraordinary general meeting of the Committee shall be called, specifying the object of such meeting, and the President shall direct such meeting to be called within 14 days of receipt of such petition.
8. Any 15 Members of the Association may petition the Committee through the Hon. Secretary to call an extraordinary general meeting of the Association, and the Committee, on receipt of such petition, which shall state the object of the meeting, shall direct that an extraordinary general meeting of the Association be called within 14 days of receipt of such petition.
9. Any person may become a Member of the Association on being proposed by a Member, seconded by a Member of the Committee, and elected by the Committee.
10. The Entrance Fee to the Association shall be £1 1s., and the Subscription £1 1s. per annum.
11. Every Member, on payment of the Annual Subscription, shall, in addition to an ordinary receipt, be furnished with a permit signed by the Hon. Secretary, to fish Association waters, which permit he shall exhibit and deliver up for examination whenever called upon to do so, by any person duly authorised by the Committee to inspect such permits.
12. It shall be competent for the Committee to make any person a Life Member of the Association on payment of a sum of £10 10s. The election to Life Membership shall, however, be at the option of the Committee.
13. A Member of the Association may obtain, on application to the Hon. Secretary, a daily license for a friend to fish Association waters on payment of a fee of 5s. per diem, but the Hon. Secretary shall exercise his discretion as to the granting of such license.
- 13A. Complimentary tickets may, at the discretion of the Hon. Secretary, be issued to friends of Members of the Association non-resident in Natal for a stipulated period, the name of the friend and his place of residence to be stated, but no complimentary ticket shall be issued to the same person more than once during the same fishing season.
14. Fishing for Trout and Salmon shall be restricted to the rod with artificial and natural flies and minnows.
15. Any Trout caught less than nine inches in length shall be at once returned to the water.
16. Any Member of the Association failing to observe these rules shall be liable to suspension from the Association, at the discretion of the Committee, and, if a license holder, shall at once have his license cancelled.
17. The Committee shall reserve the right to close any water or portion of water for certain periods should they deem it expedient.
18. The Committee shall have the power to alter and amend the Rules from time to time, as may be deemed expedient.

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Rosetta	Mooi River ..	..	4 mile ..	Ample ..	Trout & Scale fish	..	..	..	2-lb. each	..	..	Close
Estcourt	Bushman's ..	..	20 miles ..	Store at Umthi Drift, Railway & Plough Hotsels, Estcourt.	Trout ..	March Brown, Butcher, Zulu and Coachman	..	Sep. to Apl.	Average 2½ lb., occasional fish 4-lbs.	Mr. Fisher, sec. Estcourt Fishing Association	..	..
Winterton	Little Tugela ..	..	1 minute ..	Springfield Bridge Hotel, 10s. day ..	Trout, yellow & scale fish	..	..	Jan. to Apl.	Up to 4½ lbs.	..	..	Close
	Sterk Spruit ..	..	2 miles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 miles
	Lembouwen ..	..	14 miles ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14 miles
	Bergville ..	..	16 miles ..	Hotel ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16 miles

Streams stocked with Trout include Ingogo, Incandu, Unkomaasi, Ixopo, Poléla, Inkonzu, Larana, Pivaan (Vryheid District), and Little Tugela.

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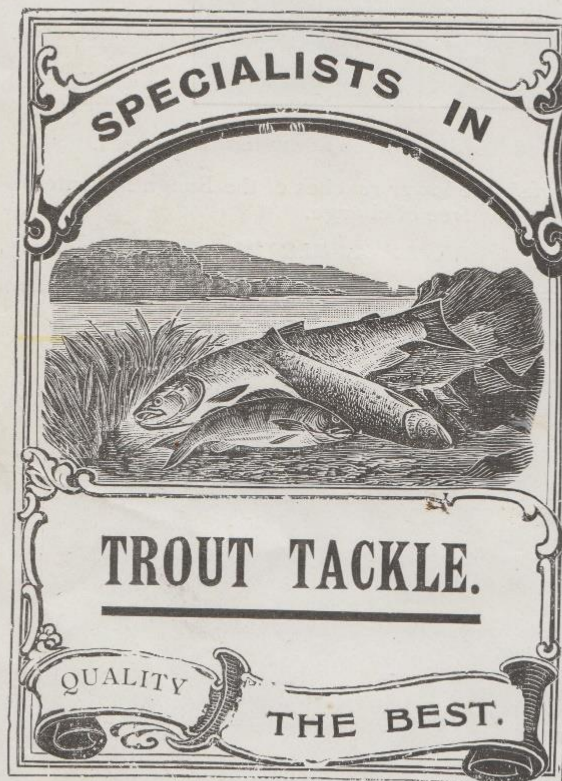
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