

came through the opening. Other Indians in the river above drove the fish toward the stones."

In the summer of 1927 the writer, on several occasions, visited the region thus reported to be the site of this boulder fish dam but could find no traces of it. This evidence has also been confirmed by Louis Pierron, a member of this society who has lived in the locality of this dam for nearly two decades. Mr. Pierron also explored this region for traces of the aforementioned dam and likewise found no tangible remains of it. Mr. Pierron's opinion, as expressed to the writer, with whom he was co-operating in an attempt to trace this dam, is that the annual freshets following the breaking up of the ice each spring would, in a few years time, break up any such boulder barrier to the stream as this Indian fish dam had been.

Fox River Fish Trap

An interesting description of a fish trap in the Fox river is to be found in Father Claude Allouez' "Report for the Year 1670," which appears in the Wisconsin Historical Collections. (Vol. xvi).

"On the 17th of April," writes Allouez, "we ascended the River saint Francois (the Fox river). After proceeding four leagues, we found the Village of the Savages called Sacy (Sacs), whose people were beginning a work that well deserves its place here. From one bank of the River to the other they make a barrience by driving down large stakes in two brasses of water, so there is a kind of bridge over the stream for the fishermen, who, with the help of a small wier, easily catch the sturgeon and every other kind of fish which this dam stops, although the water does not cease to flow between the stakes. They call this contrivance 'Mitilikan,' and it serves them during the Spring and a part of the Summer." The location of this wier is said by Thwaites to have been at the De Pere rapids of the Fox. ("Jesuit Relations," Thwaites, vol. 54, p. 217).

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During the winter, when the lakes and streams were frozen over, holes were cut in the ice by the Indians and through these many fish were speared and netted.