

Tower Hill

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Dear Kingston

Just a few lines to report progress on this pond. There has been a grand show of black kiting and on the water off Ballindoon (Kingsboro shore) and off long island but not a fish moving at them strangely enough. There are however lots of very heavy fish bulging and darting and porpoising after perch fry in Laundry bay, Poll na Perches bay and off Kingsboro shore. A larger class of fish than generally feeds on the black or green to all appearance. I have tried them with everything, dry flies of all patterns, wet flies and tiny minnows and fly and spoons casting, but I managed to rise 4 in a wave on wet fly (tiny silver Doctor). The whole lake is stuffed with perch fry [sketch] this size and as the fish are feeding ravenously on these of course they will not trouble to look at spent gnat or olives of which there has been a great rise (pale olive) of late in some bays.

The weather has been too still and thundery for wet flies except one day when I rose the 4 big fish. One I rose three times, but I still have hopes on a rough day of getting one or two in a good wave.

I hope your poor leg is getting better and you are not suffering any pain. You have not missed any sport on this lake anyhow. What a lovely place Kilonan is, I much enjoyed my stay there. I heard yesterday that my nephew who was wounded at the Dardanelles on the 4th is not only shot through the lungs but both legs also. He is in a very serious condition but as he has lived 20 days and they have got him to Alexandria, I have hope of his recovery. His name only appeared yesterday in the casualty list after 21 days. Hoping that you are getting on well and that you will soon be out of Hospital again.

Yours sincerely

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