

Tower Hill

Boyle

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Roscommon

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My dear Henderson

Many thanks for the flies which I hope will do some execution. The claret spinners are simply a clear wing and claret body - I can see nothing else about them. Now the few fish that are picking about are feeding on a tiny pale watery olive spinner, this size [sketch] and almost white (very pale cream).

There are two fish in Ballindoon off the rock and 3 in Pol na Perches. They feed within 1 foot of the shore and go into quite shallow water. You can see the chap in Ballindoon swimming under water, he is about 7 or 8 lbs but I can't do anything with them. He came up twice and looked at one of your Mayflies and I've tried him with spinners but he is an old warrior I fancy and he's probably been hooked several times.

Very big rise of fly these last two days, all gone into the trees but weather so cold and rain and I fancy they are dying of cold, no

blacks visible yet though fly has been up for 10 days. But the trout are not feeding, even on the green. They are indulging a bit in places and in others taking these tiny pale spinners in preference to the greens. The dappers have had some good fish, landing some 6 ½, 5 ½ lbs. I landed a fish of 6lb, several of 2 ¾ up to 3 ½ lbs but they have never yet fed, only picking an occasional fly 1 in a 100 every 5 minutes or so.

Weather horrid, heavy rains and bitter N winds, not pleasant. I'm pleased not to have broken in any fish after so much salmon landing. I was too tender with 2 good fish and lost them. I played a good fish for ¼ hour in Pol na Perches and he took me to Kingsboro shore and lost him, when nearly done – Kingston not done much [indistinguishable].

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