

ment, on the other hand, claim that an exceptional definition of the limit of a marine league running everywhere parallel to the coast line, describing the course of indentation, &c., instead of defining the mouths of bays and other indentations by lines drawn across from one headland to another, is founded in the peculiar circumstances of the case. That, as United States citizens had formerly used these inshore fisheries under a favorable construction of certain "liberties" of fishing accorded to them by the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain in 1783, and as the subsequent Convention of 1818 was an amicable adjustment of differences growing out of such use, the renunciation of their claim to concurrent privileges in the inshore fisheries, made in the latter Convention, should not be rigidly construed to their entire exclusion."

The fishing statistics are probably not in all cases accurate. We take from the report of the Minister the following recapitulation of the yield of the fisheries on the north and south shores of the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, from Quebec to Blanc Sablon, and from Point Levi to Bay des Chaleurs, during the year 1869.

	\$ c.	\$ c.
Summer cod fishing, 103,205 cwt., at.....	3.00	309,615.00
Autumn cod fishing, 33,569 cwt., at.....	3.00	100,707.00
Ling, 3,022 barrels, at.....	5.00	15,110.00
Mackerel, 3,706 barrels, at.....	10.00	37,060.00
Herring, 110,076 barrels, at.....	3.00	330,228.00
Herring (smoked), 600 boxes, at.....	0.25	150.00
Sardines, 10,737½ barrels, at.....	5.00	53,682.50
Halibut, 461 barrels, at.....	5.00	2,305.00
Salmon, 3,948½ barrels, at.....	16.00	63,180.00
Trout, 108½ barrels, at.....	10.00	1,085.00
Sturgeon, 369 barrels, at.....	5.00	1,845.00
Eels, 109,935 fish, at \$10 per cwt.....	—	10,993.50
Cod, Tongues and Sounds, 287 barrels, at.....	7.00	2,009.00
Seal oil, 53,811 gallons, at.....	0.80	43,048.80
Whale oil, 373 gallons, at.....	0.80	298.40
Porpoise oil, 2,029 gallons, at.....	0.60	1,217.40
Cod oil, 103,018 gallons, at.....	0.50	51,509.00
Haddock, 1,372 barrels at.....	5.00	6,860.00
Bar and Whitefish, 3,932, at \$2 per dozen.....	—	655.66
Mixed fish, 390½ barrels, at.....	4.00	1,562.00
Shad, 26,987 fish, at 10 cents a piece.....	—	2,698.70
Tunny, 2 barrels, at.....	5.00	10.00
Fish used as manure, 41,642 barrels, at.....	25.00	10,410.50
Total.....		\$1,046,240.46

Owing to the want of reliable statistics, the yield and value of the river and inland fisheries in those departments of the Province of Quebec, west of the City of Quebec, cannot be determined with any degree of accuracy; but the value per annum may be safely estimated at about \$100,000 for commerce and local consumption.

The following is a summary of the exports of the sea fisheries from the Magdalen Islands:—

	Tons.	Men.	Cod Fish.	Herrings.	Mackerel.	Cod Oil.	Seal Oil.	Value.
			cwt.	bls.	bls.	galls.	galls.	\$
Exports Coastwise.....	1,781	237	3,314	11,487	2,028	11,688	6,880	45,474
Add Foreign Exports.....	2,295	263	7	23,832	70	25,882
Total of fish exports to date..	4,076	500	3,321	35,369	2,098	11,688	6,880	71,356

Nineteen foreign vessels came to this port last spring for cargoes of fish; they were of large tonnage, and, probably, would carry about 1,500 barrels each, they, however, took no clearance outwards, nor made any report, thus evading the law.

The returns of the yield, &c., of the Fisheries in Ontario are not complete, but the value during the year 1869, may be set down at \$200,000.

The returns of the fisheries in Nova Scotia in 1869, show: Men engaged, 17,557; whale boats, 3,593; skiffs, &c., 3,793; sail boats, 319; vessels, 635; tonnage 21,656; brls. of salmon, 3,714; brls. of mackerel, 46,575; brls. of herrings, 133,933; brls. of smoked herrings, 12,185; brls. of alewives, 9,182; brls. of fish roe, 443; brls. of eels, 533; brls. of trout, 40; brls. of halibut, 590; cwt. of cod-fish, 355,638; cwt. of scale-fish, 27,139; brls. shad, 6,188; tons of smelts, 62; cans of salmon, 52,400; cans lobsters, 38,000; galls. oil, 32,895. Total value of fish, \$2,501,507.

Mr. Vennor states that if the fish not returned, and that taken by our people in foreign vessels, are taken into account, the yield would reach the respectable figure of \$4,000,000 for Nova Scotia.

The returns from New Brunswick are imperfect, there being none from several points. But as far as they have been returned they show:—Men engaged, 1,991; vessels, 38; boats, 780; canoes, 139; tonnage, 765; No. of fresh salmon, 19,341; No. of salmon in tins, 732,390; No. of smoked salmon, 852; brls. of gasperaux, 7,500; brls. of alewives, 2,510; brls. of herrings, 52,912; cwt. of codfish, 17,924; brls. of mackerel, 2,730; brls. of flounders, 200; brls. of bass, 300; cwt. of haddock, 2,035; cwt. of hake, 2,410; cwt. of pollock, 8,767; No. of shad, 46,614; boxes of herrings, 156,094; No. of lobsters, 23,100; hhds of oysters, 600; galls. of oil, 565; tons of pomace, 453. Total value so far as reported, \$638,576.10.