

PART II.—FISHERIES.

468. With the exception of the financial statements, which are only made up to the 30th June, 1885, all information respecting the fisheries is brought down to the 31st December, 1885.

469. Although there was a small decrease in the total value of the produce of the fisheries in 1885 as compared with 1884, the fishing industry may, nevertheless, be said to be in a thriving condition, and the following table is a comparative statement of the total value of its produce in 1884 and 1885.

TOTAL Value of Produce of the Fisheries, 1884 and 1885.

Provinces.	Value.	
	1884.	1885.
	\$	\$
Nova Scotia.....	8,763,779	8,283,923
New Brunswick.....	3,730,454	4,005,432
Quebec.....	1,695,561	1,719,459
Prince Edward Island.....	1,085,619	1,293,429
British Columbia.....	1,358,267	1,078,038
Ontario.....	1,133,724	1,342,692
Total.....	17,766,404	17,722,973
Decrease.....		43,431

470. The importance and size of this industry will be better understood by reference to the following table, which gives full particulars of the number of men, and the number, tonnage and value of vessels and boats engaged, and the value of fishing material used, in the several Provinces during 1885. It will be seen that nearly 60,000 men and 30,000 vessels and boats were employed, and 3,014,334 fathoms of net used, which would make a total length of 3,425 miles, while the amount of capital employed almost reached the sum of \$7,000,000.