

## PART II.—FISHERIES.

562. With the exception of the financial statements, which are for the year ended 30th June, 1886, all information respecting the fisheries is for the year ended 31st December, 1886.

563. From the following table it will be seen that, with the exception of Prince Edward Island, where there was a decrease of \$151,438, there was an increase in the value of the fisheries from every other Province, and an increase in the total value of \$956,315. The largest increase was in British Columbia, viz., \$499,310.

TOTAL VALUE OF PRODUCE OF THE FISHERIES IN CANADA,  
1885 AND 1886.

PROVINCES.	Value.	
	1885.	1886.
	\$	\$
Nova Scotia .....	8,283,923	8,415,361
New Brunswick .....	4,005,432	4,180,227
Quebec .....	1,719,459	1,741,382
Prince Edward Island.....	1,293,429	1,141,991
British Columbia .....	1,078,038	1,577,348
Ontario.....	1,342,692	1,435,998
Manitoba and North-West Territories.....		186,979
Total .....	17,722,973	18,679,288
Increase .....		956,315

564. The particulars of the number of men, vessels, &c., engaged in fishing, as given in the next table, will give some idea of the importance of this industry, as it will be seen that there were nearly 56,000 fishermen, employing 29,240 vessels and boats, while if the number of those earning a livelihood in connection with the fisheries could be given, it would be several times as many. In spite of the increase in the value of the catch, there was a decrease as compared

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fisheries,  
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