

Receipts.

573. The total receipts for the same period from fines, license fees and rents were:—

Ontario.....	\$15,918
Quebec.....	2,964
Nova Scotia .....	2,166
New Brunswick.....	4,078
British Columbia .....	922
Prince Edward Island.....	40
	\$26,088

The fish-  
ery ques-  
tion.

574. In view of the present prominence of the fishery question, the following brief summary of the history of the dispute, more especially in connection with the Washington Treaty, of which particulars are given, will, it is thought, be found useful and interesting:

Treaty of  
Paris,  
1783.

575. The first definition of the privileges of Americans in the British North American fisheries, was made by the Treaty of Paris in 1783. This treaty was abrogated by the war of 1812, and when peace was concluded by the Treaty of Ghent in 1814, no provisions were made respecting the fisheries.

Conven-  
tion of  
1818.

576. On the 20th October, 1818, a convention was signed at London, the first article of which was as follows:—

“ Whereas, differences have arisen respecting the liberty claimed by the United States, for the inhabitants thereof, to take, dry and cure fish on certain coasts, bays, harbours and creeks of His Britannic Majesty’s dominions in America, it is agreed between the high contracting parties, that the inhabitants of the United States shall have forever, in common with the subjects of His Britannic Majesty, the liberty to take fish of every kind, on that part of the southern coast of Newfoundland, which extends from Cape Ray to the Rameau Islands, on the western and northern coast of Newfoundland, from the said Cape Ray to the Quirpon Islands, on the shores of the Magdalen Islands, and