

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE VALUE OF THE FISHERIES OF CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1886 AND 1887.

PROVINCES.	Value.	
	1886.	1887.
	\$	\$
Nova Scotia.....	8,415,362	8,379,783
New Brunswick.....	4,180,227	3,559,507
Quebec.....	1,741,382	1,773,567
Prince Edward Island.....	1,141,991	1,037,426
British Columbia.....	1,577,348	1,974,887
Ontario.....	1,435,998	1,379,119
Manitoba and North-West Territories.....	186,980	129,084
Total.....	18,679,288	18,233,373

588. The history of the fishery question down to the close of 1886 was briefly stated in last year's Statistical Abstract.* During 1887 matters remained in *statu quo*, though American fishermen did not come in contact with the Canadian authorities as frequently as in the preceding year. Early in the year, however (1887), negotiations were commenced between the respective governments with reference to some settlement of the question, which resulted in the appointment of a commission which met at Washington on the 15th November, 1887. Fishery negotiations.

589. The Plenipotentiaries appointed by Her Majesty were the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M. P.; the Hon. Sir Lionel Sackville Sackville West, the British Minister at Washington and Sir Charles Tupper. And by the President of the United States: Thomas F. Bayard, U. S. Secretary of State; William L. Putnam and James B. Angell. After considerable discussion a treaty was agreed upon and was signed at Washington on the 15th March, 1888. A *modus* Signing of treaty at Washington.

*Statistical Abstract for 1886, p. 328, *et seq.*