

Fish
hatcheries.

551. There were 12 Government fish hatcheries in operation in 1890, situated at Fraser River, B.C.; Sydney and Bedford, N.S.; St. John River and Miramichi, N.B.; Restigouche, Gaspé, Tadousac and Magog, Que.; and Ottawa, Newcastle and Sandwich, Ont. The gross output of young fish of all kinds during the year amounted to 90,213,000, of the following species, viz.: Salmon (Atlantic and Pacific), salmon and brook trout, whitefish, pickerel and black bass. The number of eggs collected in the autumn of the year for subsequent hatching was 144,613,000. A fish hatchery has been recently established at Ottawa, and the one at Dunk River, P.E.I., will probably be in operation next summer. The great benefit of these hatcheries to the fisheries generally is universally acknowledged, and it is the almost unanimous opinion of those interested that the heavy runs of salmon in recent years on the Fraser River were largely due to the operations of the hatchery there.

Expendi-
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partment,
1889 and
1890.

552. The total expenditure by the Fisheries Department during the fiscal years ended 30th June, 1889 and 1890, were :

	1889.	1890.
Fishery officers	\$ 83,684	\$ 65,873
Fish-breeding	41,315	39,127
Fisheries protection service.	69,694	64,435
Fishing bounty	149,991	150,000
Miscellaneous	10,912	9,314
Total	<u>\$ 355,596</u>	<u>\$ 328,749</u>

Value of
yield and
exports of
fisheries,
1868-1890.

553. The following table, showing the value of the yield and of the exports of the fisheries since Confederation, will give some idea of the great importance of this industry :—