

Value of  
yield and  
exports of  
fisheries,  
1868-1891.

570. 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:—

VALUE OF THE YIELD AND OF THE EXPORTS OF THE FISHERIES  
IN CANADA, 1868-1891.

| YEAR.       | Total Value<br>of the<br>Yield of the<br>Fisheries in the<br>Dominion of<br>Canada. | Value<br>Exported. |
|-------------|---|--------------------|
|             | \$  | \$                 |
| 1868. ....  |   | 3,357,510          |
| 1869. ....  | 4,376,526   | 3,242,710          |
| 1870. ....  | 6,577,391   | 3,608,549          |
| 1871. ....  | 7,573,199   | 3,994,275          |
| 1872. ....  | 9,570,116   | 4,386,214          |
| 1873. ....  | 10,754,997  | 4,779,277          |
| 1874. ....  | 11,681,886  | 5,292,368          |
| 1875. ....  | 10,356,385  | 5,380,527          |
| 1876. ....  | 11,147,590  | 5,500,989          |
| 1877. ....  | 12,029,957  | 5,874,360          |
| 1878. ....  | 13,215,678  | 6,853,975          |
| 1879. ....  | 13,529,254  | 6,928,871          |
| 1880. ....  | 14,499,979  | 6,579,656          |
| 1881. ....  | 15,817,162  | 6,867,715          |
| 1882. ....  | 16,824,092  | 7,682,079          |
| 1883. ....  | 16,958,192  | 8,809,118          |
| 1884. ....  | 17,766,404  | 8,591,654          |
| 1885. ....  | 17,722,973  | 7,960,001          |
| 1886. ....  | 18,679,288  | 6,843,388          |
| 1887. ....  | 18,386,103  | 6,875,810          |
| 1888. ....  | 17,418,510  | 7,793,183          |
| 1889. ....  | 17,655,256  | 7,212,208          |
| 1890. ....  | 17,714,902  | 8,461,906          |
| 1891. ....  | 18,973,078  | 9,715,401          |
| Total. .... | 319,227,918   | 152,581,744        |

The yield of the fisheries in 1891 was more than four times as much as it was in 1869, but the exports were not quite three times as much as in 1868, showing that a very much larger quantity proportionately is now taken for home consumption, owing presumably to greater facilities of transportation and large increase in interprovincial trade. The proportion of exports to total value in 1869 was 77 per cent, and in 1891 51 per cent.

Indian  
consump-  
tion of  
fish.

571. In addition to the above, large quantities of fish are annually consumed by the Indians, particularly in the North-West and British Columbia, of which no account can be obtained. For the eleven years, 1879-1891, the value of the fish consumed by Indians in British Columbia has been estimated at about \$50,000,000.

Value of  
fisheries  
by pro-  
vinces,  
1869-1891.

572. The next table gives the value of the yield by provinces in each year since 1869. The Province of Nova Scotia has produced during the period 47 per cent, or nearly one-half of the total yield; New Brunswick 19 per cent, and Quebec 14 per cent, the three provinces having yielded 80 per cent of the total. The fishing industry in British Columbia is yet quite in its infancy, but the opportunities for