

530. The expenditure by the Government in connection with the fisheries, during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1893, with four previous years, is given below :—

Heads of Expenditure.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Fishery officers	83,684	65,873	71,306	72,124	72,315
Fish-breeding	41,315	39,127	39,496	43,958	47,322
Fisheries protection service . .	69,694	64,435	83,050	93,397	106,805
Fishery bounty	149,991	150,000	166,967	156,892	159,752
Miscellaneous	10,912	9,314	13,383	17,449	*100,602
Total	355,596	328,749	374,202	383,822	486,796

* Among Miscellaneous were the following items :—

Columbian Exposition, \$6,652 ; Behring Sea, \$74,026 ; Collection of data respecting fur seals, \$1,937.

531. The *modus vivendi* clause of the Draft Treaty of 1888 has been deemed to be in force since March, 1889. Under it, the Dominion Government have granted American fishing vessels licenses to fish in Canadian waters under certain restrictions. In 1889, 78 licenses were granted, the charge being \$9,589 ; in 1890, 119, costing \$14,461 ; in 1891, 98, costing \$11,098 ; in 1892, 108, costing \$13,410, and in 1893, 71, costing \$9,131.

532. A lobster hatchery was established at Bayview, Pictou County, N.S., in 1891. The report of the officer in charge for 1893 states that during the season 153,600,000 young lobsters were distributed along the coast, from the Straits of Canso, and in Prince Edward Island. About 80,000,000 of lobsters were captured during the season of 1893 to fill the 13,674,713 cans, and 7,347 tons were shipped alive or fresh.

533. In addition to the lobster-hatchery, 12 fish-hatcheries were in active operation during 1893. From these there were distributed 104,714,000 fry of salmon, trout, whitefish and salmon-trout. These were planted in many of the rivers and lakes in the Atlantic provinces, in the great lakes of Ontario and in the waters of British Columbia.

534. The work of establishing and restocking oyster beds at Shediac, N.B., and Tracadie, N.S., has been undertaken by the Government and placed under the superintendence of an expert