

from England. Preliminary work was done in 1892. In 1893 several hundred barrels of oysters were planted.

535. The fisheries of Hudson's Bay are considerable, but they are not included in the statements of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

536. The fisheries of the great lakes are the most extensive lake fisheries of the world. In these waters are found the white-fish, salmon-trout, herring, sturgeon, bass, pickerel, &c.

537. The latest statistics published by the Department of Marine and Fisheries show that 76 tugs and schooners and 1,012 boats, manned by 2,629 men, were employed on the great lakes during the season of 1893; 1,718,726 fathoms of gill-nets, and 19,995 fathoms of seines, 340 pound-nets and 200 hoop-nets were used, the whole representing an invested capital of over \$660,000. This amount does not include the value of freezers, ice-houses, fish-cans, piers and wharves. The value of fish caught was nearly \$1,700,000.

538. The total quantity of fish caught during the 11 years, 1883 to 1892, amounts to 265,500,000 pounds, valued at \$16,000,000.

The principal kinds of fish caught in the period named were :

Herring	90,000,000 pounds.
Whitefish	58,000,000 "
Salmon-trout	56,000,000 "

The returns for 1885 and 1889 have been compared with the census returns of the United States, with the following results :—

**YIELD AND VALUE OF FISH CAUGHT IN THE GREAT LAKES—
SUPERIOR, HURON AND ST. CLAIR, ERIE AND ONTARIO.**

	1885.		1889.	
	Canada.	U. States.	Canada.	U. States.
	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
Whitefish	3,760,100	9,661,018	6,814,957	9,802,517
Trout	5,288,204	6,155,367	5,030,095	5,621,273
Herring	11,853,400	22,556,285	11,478,503	44,092,334
Sturgeon	1,426,685	5,740,964	848,627	2,186,372
Pickerel and pike	1,927,874	2,413,790	17,614,363
All other fish	2,626,970	32,209,414	2,612,387	11,759,765
Total	26,883,233	76,323,048	29,198,359	91,076,624