

has been a most alarming decrease, as the following figures show :—

| YEAR.          | Total<br>Catch. | Annual<br>Average. | No. 1<br>Quality. | Annual<br>Average. |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                | Brls.           | Brls.              | Brls.             | Brls.              |
| 1850-59.....   | 1,864,915       | 185,491            | 682,637           | 68,263             |
| 1863-72 ... .. | 2,454,265       | 245,426            | 1,007,345         | 100,734            |
| 1880-89 .....  | 1,618,603       | 161,860            | 198,322           | 19,822             |

The catch of mackerel, which in 1892 showed a decrease of over half a million dollars, showed a further decrease of a quarter of a million in 1893. This decline is general in all the Maritime Provinces, the Magdalen Islands being the only locality giving an increase.

545. The following table gives the value of the yearly yield of the fisheries by provinces since Confederation, and the amount of the exports :—