548. The following table gives the number and value of boats, nets, &c., and the number of men employed in the fisheries in the several provinces in 1893, according to returns furnished by the Fisheries Department. The value of much of the fishing material has necessarily to be estimated only, but on the basis of the figures given below the total amount of capital invested in 1893 reached the sum of \$8,781,557. There were 1,104 vessels, of a total tonnage of 40,096 tons, employing 8,899 men. The boats numbered 31,508, with 58,854 men.

Provinces.	Vessels & Boats.		No. of	NE	OTHER FISHING	
	No.	Value.	MEN.	Fathoms.	Value.	MATERIAL.
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Nova Scotia	14,338	1,518,654		2,353,910	581,540	
New Brunswick	6,204	286,077	11,305	528,817	325,688	
P. E. Island	1,276	79,808	3,522		38,772	
Quebec	6,563	229,332			163,407	
British Columbia	2,691	692,460			258,467	
Ontario	1,088	289,696	2,629		254,721	
Manitoba	452	105,455	953	119,015	15,112	Not given.
Total	32,612	3,201,482	67,753	5,406,802	1,637,707	*3,942,368

*Including freezers, and ice-houses, &c.

549. The following table gives the value of vessels, boats, nets, weirs, lobster-traps, smoke and fish-houses, piers and wharfs, sailing and steam smacks connected with the fisheries of the Dominion, by provinces :---

YEAR.	Nova Scotia	New Isrunswick	P.E. Island.	Quebec.	Ontario.	British Columbia.	Manitoba.	Total.
	\$	\$	8	\$	\$	8	\$	\$
1883	2,490,965	730,343	126,314	733,571	271,089	768,245		5,120,527
1884 1985	3,010,000	1,075,879	493,143	930,358	378,274	809,805		6,697,459
1886	2,936,425		494,230				• • • • • • • • •	6,814,295
1887	2,940,061	1,311,173	479,075	781,156				6,748,840
1888	3,229,845				558,620			6,863,005
1889	2,849,777	1,227,300			551,626			
1890		1,184,745						7,372,641
1891		1,432,880			584,167	1,679,520		
1892					712,804	1,806,352		
1893	3,206,782	1,489,035	644,518	746,236	663,942	1,910,477	120,567	8,781,557