

During twelve years, 1883-94, the value of the salmon caught was \$21,-439,437. The catch of 1893 was the greatest in value of any year, the value being \$3,150,709, and the average yearly value of the twelve years was \$1,786,620.

The fish caught include sturgeon, halibut, herring, oulachan, trout, rock codfish, skill, tousqua, &c.

784. Under an Act passed in 1882 to encourage sea-fishing and the building of fishing vessels, provision was made for the distribution of \$150,000 annually among the fishermen and vessels. By Act of 1891, Chapter 42, the amount was increased to \$160,000. This bounty is paid on the basis of \$3 a ton to vessels, \$3 per man to boat fishermen, and \$1 per boat to the owners. The number of vessels which received bounty in 1893 was 805 with a tonnage of 27,975 tons, showing an increase of 137 vessels and 2,227 tons, as compared with 1892. The number of boats on which bounty was paid was 12,830, being a decrease of 944 boats and 1,543 fishermen, as compared with the previous year. The total number of fishermen in vessels and boats to whom bounty was paid in 1893 was 28,013, as against 29,064 in 1892. As will be seen there was a decrease in the number of claims filed. This decrease occurs chiefly in applications for boat bounty, and is due to the stringent regulations adopted relative to the collection of claims. The increased bounty given to vessels, \$3 per ton, instead of \$1.50 as formerly, has resulted in the addition of a number of new vessels to the fishery fleet. The four tables following give the number of vessels, boats and men in the different provinces receiving bounties. The total bounties paid since 1882 amount to \$1,886,942, distributed as follows:—

YEAR.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	P. E. Island.	Quebec.	Total.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
1882.....	106,098 72	16,997 00	16,137 00	33,052 75	172,285 47
1883.....	89,432 50	12,395 20	8,577 14	19,940 01	130,344 85
1884.....	104,934 09	13,576 00	9,203 96	28,004 93	155,718 98
1885.....	103,999 73	15,908 25	10,166 65	31,464 76	161,539 39
1886.....	98,789 54	17,894 57	10,935 87	33,283 61	160,903 59
1887.....	99,622 03	19,699 65	12,528 51	31,907 73	163,757 92
1888.....	89,778 90	18,454 92	9,092 96	32,858 75	150,185 53
1889.....	90,142 51	21,026 79	13,994 53	33,362 71	158,526 54
1890.....	91,235 64	21,108 33	11,686 32	34,210 72	158,241 01
1891.....	92,377 42	17,235 96	12,771 30	34,507 17	156,891 85
1892.....	109,410 39	10,864 61	9,782 79	29,694 35	159,752 14
1893.....	108,621 11	12,524 09	9,328 62	28,320 72	158,794 54
Totals.....	1,184,442 58	197,685 37	134,205 65	370,608 21	1,886,941 81