

The progress of this industry has been gradual but steady. Prior to 1878 very few seals were killed by Canadian sealers. Hunting was not then carried on further than 20 miles from the shore.

The following statement shows the growth :—

	Seals killed.
1883.....	9,195
1889.....	35,310
1890.....	43,325
1891.....	52,365
1892.....	49,743
1893.....	70,592
1894.....	95,048

Of the catch of 1892, 26,400 were secured in the Behring Sea, the remainder, 68,623, were taken in waters where neither the United States Government nor the lessees of the Pribylof Islands had any direct interest.

From 1871 to 1894 the total product of the Canadian pelagic sealing industry amounted to 477,926 seal skins.