

625. The following table, applicable to the whole catch of the Dominion, shows the increase or decrease in value of the principal fish in 1894 as compared with the catch of 1893 :—

VALUE OF CATCH OF PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF THE FISHERIES IN
1894, COMPARED WITH 1893.

| FISH. | Value. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Cod | 4,234,231 | 205,783 | |
| Herring..... | 2,565,730 | 712,839 | |
| Salmon..... | 3,227,439 | | 663,205 |
| Lobsters .. | 2,370,632 | | 113,936 |
| Mackerel .. | 908,870 | | 187,196 |
| Seal skins .. | 970,145 | 95,303 | |
| Whitefish.. | 879,650 | | 419,094 |
| Trout..... | 758,147 | 99,533 | |
| Haddock .. | 516,547 | 70,227 | |
| Fish oils.. | 298,338 | | 23,589 |
| Hake..... | 304,652 | | 63,171 |
| Smelts..... | 404,883 | | 9,291 |
| Pollock..... | 221,894 | | 19,687 |
| Halibut..... | 254,152 | 38,785 | |
| Alewives .. | 253,904 | 41,190 | |
| Sardines.. | 285,756 | 67,738 | |
| Oysters..... | 182,108 | 25,668 | |
| Pickarel.. | 293,266 | 135,856 | |
| All others .. | 975,081 | 110,475 | |

626. 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 1894, according to returns furnished by the Fisheries Department. The value of much of the fishing material has necessarily been estimated only, but on the basis of the figures given below the total amount of capital invested in 1894 reached the sum of \$9,439,116. There were 1,178 vessels, of a total tonnage of 41,768 tons, employing 9,525 men. The boats numbered 34,102, with 61,194 men.

| PROVINCES. | Vessels and Boats. | | Number of Men. | Nets. | | Other Fishing Material. |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
| | Number. | Value. | | Fathoms. | Value. | |
| | | \$ | | | \$ | \$ |
| Nova Scotia..... | 14,918 | 1,647,458 | 25,478 | 2,320,728 | 606,604 | 1,107,910 |
| New Brunswick... .. | 6,483 | 308,523 | 11,650 | 548,266 | 423,514 | 948,875 |
| Prince Edward Island.. | 1,571 | 63,900 | 3,329 | 78,315 | 38,041 | 366,795 |
| Quebec | 7,149 | 248,069 | 12,081 | 253,747 | 281,651 | 375,091 |
| British Columbia..... | 3,093 | 720,310 | 12,650 | 370,290 | 284,883 | 979,750 |
| Ontario..... | 1,262 | 317,005 | 4,155 | 1,689,875 | 261,442 | 260,575 |
| Manitoba | 804 | 112,953 | 1,376 | 204,500 | 25,217 | 60,550 |
| Total | 35,280 | 3,418,218 | 70,719 | 5,465,721 | 1,921,352 | *4,099,546 |

* Including freezers, ice-houses, &c.