

In addition to the 976,132,200 fry distributed from the hatcheries in Ontario, there are large numbers of semi-hatched ova of various kinds annually transferred from the Newcastle establishment to the Eastern Province hatcheries, as well as a large quantity of eyed eggs from the Sandwich nursery to other hatcheries.

630. The following are statistics of the sealing fleet of Canada for the season of 1895, with those of 1894 added for purposes of comparison :—

	1895.	1894.
Total catch .....	1,733,614	95,048
Distributed thus :—		
British Columbia coast.....	9,853	11,703
Japanese coast.....	18,687	*49,483
Copper Island coast .....	6,281	7,437
Behring Sea .....	35,918	+26,425
Fleet, No. of vessels.....	64	59 (3,866 tons)
Boats.....	210	266
Canoes.....	421	259
Crews, white .....	705	888
“ Indians.....	854	518
Value fur seal skins.....		‡\$948,490

Prior to 1878 very few seals were killed by Canadian sealers. Hunting was not carried on further than 20 miles from shore.

The following statement shows the

	Seals killed.
1883.....	9,195
1889.....	35,310
1890.....	43,325
1891.....	52,365
1892.....	49,743
1893.....	70,592
1894.....	95,048
1895.....	73,614

From 1871 to 1895 the total product of the Canadian pelagic sealing industry amounted to 551,540 seal skins.

Total Pacific catch during the season of 1895 :—

Seals landed at Victoria.....	73,614
“ American ports by U.S. schooners.....	20,307
Seal catch on Pribyloff Islands (North American Commercial Co)	15,000
“ Copper Islands (Russian Sealskin Co).....	17,920
	<u>126,841</u>

631. The fisheries report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for 1895 contains a paper, by R. N. Venning, on the fur-sealing industry of the North Pacific Ocean as affected by the Behring Sea award and consequent legislation. Much valuable information is given in this document.

\*Including 490 landed at Victoria by United States schooners.

† “ 86 “ “

‡ “ \$3,750 value of fur seal skins landed at Victoria by United States schooners.

|| “ 2,255 landed at Victoria by United States schooners.

“ 620 catch of “ Director ” off Falkland Islands.