

seal skins, amounting to \$501,093, is included in "all other fish" in British Columbia:—

DISTRIBUTION AND VALUE OF CATCH OF PRINCIPAL KINDS OF FISH IN EACH PROVINCE IN 1896.

SEA FISHERIES.

KINDS OF FISH.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	British Columbia.	Quebec.	P. E. Island.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salmon.....	116,887	529,428	3,142,732	212,555	75
Mackerel.....	468,584	103,841	.....	95,690	59,628
Herring.....	709,008	1,518,286	12,835	240,831	224,110
Cod.....	2,157,315	490,536	14,360	854,486	102,686
Haddock.....	367,196	118,656	.....	3,227	4,305
Lobsters.....	1,322,905	436,303	.....	162,535	284,019
Hake.....	144,801	75,723	.....	.....	56,095
Pollock.....	106,253	114,865	.....	.....	.....
Halibut.....	101,711	21,562	113,828	16,064	210
Smelts.....	24,744	415,503	2,750	21,582	33,960
Sardines.....	.....	191,083	.....	13,366	.....
Oysters.....	9,840	58,800	4,800	.....	120,856
Total.....	5,529,304	4,074,588	3,291,305	1,620,336	885,944
All other.....	541,591	724,845	892,694	405,418	90,181
Grand total.....	6,070,895	4,799,433	4,183,999	2,025,754	976,125

FRESH WATER FISHERIES.

FISH.	1896.		1895.	
	Ontario.	Manitoba and Territories.	Ontario.	Manitoba and Territories.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Whitefish.....	272,283	489,738	249,665	503,203
Trout.....	620,316	4,400	606,228	422
Herring.....	204,672	.....	233,609	.....
Total.....	1,097,271	494,138	1,089,502	503,625
All other.....	508,402	251,404	494,971	248,841
Grand total.....	1,605,673	745,542	1,584,473	752,466

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. Vessels in 1896 were paid at the rate of \$1 per ton to owner, \$5 each to vessel fishermen, \$2.50 per man to boat fishermen, and \$1 per boat to the owners. The number of vessels which received bounty in 1896 was 862, with a tonnage of 28,551, showing a decrease of 45 vessels and of 1,605 tons as compared with 1895. The number of boats on which bounty was paid was