

14,106, and the number of boat fishermen who received bounty was 23,821, being an increase of 233 boats and a decrease of 737 fishermen, as compared with the previous year. The total number of fishermen in vessels and boats to whom bounty was paid in 1896 was 29,486 as against 30,808 in 1895. The number of fishing bounty claims filed was 15,211 and the number paid was 14,975. The total bounties paid since 1882 amount to \$2,364,406, distributed as follows:—

YEAR.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	P.E. Island.	Quebec.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1882.....	106,099	16,997	16,137	33,053	172,285
1883.....	89,432	12,395	8,577	19,940	130,344
1884.....	104,934	13,576	9,204	28,005	155,719
1885.....	104,000	15,908	10,167	31,465	161,539
1886.....	98,790	17,894	10,936	33,283	160,904
1887.....	99,622	19,700	12,529	31,908	163,758
1888.....	89,779	18,455	9,093	32,859	150,186
1889.....	90,143	21,027	13,994	33,363	158,527
1890.....	91,236	21,108	11,686	34,211	158,241
1891.....	92,377	17,236	12,771	34,507	156,802
1892.....	109,410	10,865	9,783	29,694	159,752
1893.....	108,061	12,524	9,329	28,321	158,234
1894.....	111,460	12,691	7,876	28,040	160,067
1895.....	110,765	12,019	9,285	30,598	163,668
1896.....	98,048	13,603	9,747	32,992	154,390
Total.....	1,504,153	236,898	161,114	462,239	2,364,406

NUMBER OF VESSELS, TONNAGE AND NUMBER OF MEN RECEIVING BOUNTY IN EACH YEAR.

YEAR.	NOVA SCOTIA.			NEW BRUNSWICK.			P. E. ISLAND.		
	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	No. of Men.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	No. of Men.	No. of Vessels.	Tonnage.	No. of Men.
1882.....	588	22,841	5,343	120	2,171	531	15	389	74
1883.....	700	29,788	6,238	126	2,102	496	16	450	66
1884.....	700	29,828	6,327	139	2,289	560	16	582	92
1885.....	629	27,709	5,897	128	2,120	496	19	597	113
1886.....	562	25,375	5,022	145	2,628	520	32	1,071	215
1887.....	566	24,520	4,900	154	2,889	563	38	1,677	338
1888.....	589	26,008	5,450	150	2,545	544	37	1,245	249
1889.....	597	27,123	5,684	153	2,590	565	35	1,274	239
1890.....	540	23,955	4,935	133	2,129	447	32	1,002	203
1891.....	527	22,780	4,618	124	2,051	411	27	778	155
1892.....	507	22,279	4,611	108	1,683	343	30	983	139
1893.....	536	23,195	4,780	210	2,922	634	27	910	151
1894.....	602	24,735	5,077	238	3,189	721	21	594	114
1895.....	603	25,018	5,184	238	3,107	764	27	769	129
1896.....	553	23,415	4,607	250	3,337	800	23	656	114
Total...	8,799	378,569	78,673	2,416	37,752	8,395	395	12,977	2,391