

The following table of the value of the principal kinds of fish in 1898 shows their distribution among the several provinces. The value of seal skins, amounting to \$285,520 is included in "all other fish" in British Columbia:—

DISTRIBUTION AND VALUE OF CATCH OF PRINCIPAL KINDS OF FISH
IN EACH PROVINCE IN 1898.

SEA FISHERIES.

Kinds of Fish.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	British Columbia.	Quebec.	Prince Edward Island.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salmon.....	86,177	238,998	2,661,830	170,520	1,780
Mackerel.....	523,594	36,978	.....	97,455	36,564
Herring.....	361,798	1,070,799	29,650	196,353	182,214
Cod.....	1,896,614	311,326	26,125	660,200	101,488
Haddock.....	532,648	121,465	.....	8,049	19,395
Lobsters.....	2,673,624	531,524	.....	214,417	468,374
Hake.....	280,915	66,907	.....	481	43,246
Pollock.....	109,104	35,604	.....	.....	.....
Halibut.....	163,532	11,100	98,500	39,705	1,030
Smelts.....	15,178	351,050	3,925	17,565	32,424
Sardines.....	.....	423,742	.....	5,280	.....
Oysters.....	8,388	90,700	12,000	.....	105,936
Total.....	6,651,572	3,290,193	2,832,030	1,410,025	992,451
All other.....	574,463	559,164	881,071	351,415	77,755
Grand total.....	7,226,035	3,849,357	3,713,101	1,761,440	1,070,206

FRESH WATER FISHERIES.

Kinds of Fish.	1898.		1897.	
	Ontario.	Manitoba and Territories.	Ontario.	Manitoba and Territories.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Whitefish.....	232,762	383,597	228,664	413,893
Trout.....	582,430	6,200	454,538	2,700
Herring.....	146,640	.....	157,349	.....
Pickeral.....	135,767	76,303	146,988	117,667
Sturgeon.....	88,755	38,685	78,307	20,831
Bass.....	77,630	.....	54,363	.....
Pike.....	34,391	50,646	39,580	46,244
Maskinonge.....	46,459	.....	37,175	.....
Totals.....	1,344,834	555,431	1,196,954	601,335
All other.....	88,798	57,924	92,868	37,080
Grand total.....	1,433,632	613,355	1,289,822	638,415

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 1898 were paid at the rate of \$1 per ton to owner, \$6.50 each to vessel fishermen, \$3.50 per man to boat fishermen, and \$1 per boat to the owners. The number of vessels which received bounty in 1898 was 784, with a tonnage of 25,108, showing a decrease of 6 vessels and of 617 tons as compared with 1897. The