

PACK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON, 1876-99.

Cases.		Cases.	
1876.....	9,847	1888.....	181,040
1877.....	67,387	1889.....	414,294
1878.....	113,501	1890.....	409,464
1879.....	61,093	1891.....	314,893
1880.....	61,849	1892.....	228,470
1881.....	177,276	1893.....	590,229
1882.....	225,061	1894.....	494,371
1883.....	196,292	1895.....	566,395
1884.....	141,242	1896.....	601,570
1885.....	108,517	1897.....	1,015,477
1886.....	161,264	1898.....	484,161
1887.....	204,083	1899.....	732,437

PACK IN 1897-1898 and 1899 BY DISTRICTS.

	Cases, 1897.	Cases, 1898.	Cases, 1899.
Fraser River.....	860,459	256,101	510,383
Skeena River.....	65,905	81,234	108,026
Rivers Inlet.....	40,207	104,711	71,079
Naas River.....	20,847	18,953	19,443
Lowe Inlet.....	10,666	10,312	10,142
Nanu Harbour.....	4,357	7,200
Alert Bay.....	8,602	8,500	3,470
West Coast, V. I.....	4,434	4,350	2,694
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	1,015,477	484,161	732,437

The following are statistics of the sealing fleet of Canada for the seasons of 1895 to 1898 :

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Total catch.....	73,614	55,677	30,410	28,552

Distributed thus :

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
British Columbia coast.....	9,853	10,703	6,100	9,746
Japanese coast.....	18,687	17,968	7,321	360
Copper Island coast.....	6,281	1,306	1,882	50
Behring Sea.....	35,918	25,700	15,607	16,943
Not specified.....	1,453
Fleet, No. of vessels.....	64	64	42	35
Boats.....	210	263	149	90
Canoes.....	421	442	288	326
Crew, white.....	705	809	495	324
" Indians.....	854	889	587	653
Value fur seal skins.....	\$713,590	\$501,093	\$304,100	\$235,520

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.		Seals killed.	
1883.....	9,195	1894.....	95,048
1889.....	35,310	1895.....	73,614
1890.....	43,325	1896.....	55,677
1891.....	52,365	1897.....	30,410
1892.....	49,743	1898.....	28,552
1893.....	70,992		

From 1871 to 1898 the total products of the Canadian pelagic sealing industry amounted to 666,179 seal skins.