

## PACK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON, 1876-1900.

Cases.		Cases.	
1876. ....	9,847	1889 .....	414,294
1877. ....	67,387	1890 .....	409,464
1878. ....	113,501	1891 .....	314,893
1879. ....	61,093	1892 .....	228,470
1880. ....	61,849	1893 .....	590,229
1881. ....	177,276	1894 .....	494,371
1882. ....	225,061	1895 .....	566,395
1883. ....	196,292	1896 .....	601,570
1884. ....	141,242	1897 .....	1,015,477
1885. ....	108,517	1898 .....	484,161
1886. ....	161,264	1899 .....	732,437
1887. ....	204,083	1900 .....	585,413
1888. ....	181,040		

## PACK IN 1897, 1898, 1899 AND 1900 BY DISTRICTS.

	Cases, 1897.	Cases, 1898.	Cases, 1899.	Cases, 1900
Fraser River .....	860,459	256,101	510,383	316,522
Skeena " .....	65,905	81,234	108,026	128,529
Rivers Inlet.....	40,207	104,711	71,079	75,413
Naas River .....	20,847	18,953	19,443	18,238
Lowe Inlet .....	10,666	10,312	10,142	10,834
Namu Harbour.....	4,357	.....	7,200	10,106
Alert Bay .....	8,602	8,500	3,470	9,182
West Coast, V. I .....	4,434	4,350	2,694	7,602
Bella Coola .....				4,849
China Hat.....				4,138
	<u>1,015,477</u>	<u>484,161</u>	<u>732,437</u>	<u>585,413</u>

The following are statistics of the sealing fleet of Canada for the seasons of 1896 to 1901:—

	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
Total catch.....	55,677	30,410	28,552	35,346	35,523	24,422
Distributed thus:						
British Columbia coast...	10,703	6,100	9,746	10,471	16,438	.....
Japanese coast .....	17,968	7,321	360	.....	.....	2,130
Copper Island coast.....	1,306	1,382	50	699	208	.....
Behring Sea.....	25,700	15,607	16,943	23,284	17,513	10,362
North American coast, including Indians' coast catch .....						8,533
Vicinity of Russian Islands.....						3,397
Not specified.....			1,453	892	1,364	.....
Fleet, No. of vessels.....	64	42	35	26	37	39
Boats .....	263	149	90	68	114	139
Canoes .....	442	288	326	285	316	226
Crew, white. ....	809	495	324	213	386	443
" Indians.....	889	587	653	587	646	465
Value of seal skins.....	\$501,093	\$304,100	\$285,520	\$441,825	\$562,845	.....

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 number of seals killed in 1883-1901:

	Number.		Number.
1883 .....	9,195	1895 .....	73,614
1889 .....	35,310	1896 .....	55,677
1890 .....	43,325	1897 .....	30,410
1891 .....	52,365	1898 .....	28,552
1892 .....	49,743	1899 .....	35,346
1893 .....	70,492	1900 .....	35,523
1894 .....	95,048	1901 .....	24,422

From 1871 to 1901 the total products of the Canadian pelagic sealing industry amounted to 761,470 seal skins.