

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 1903 were paid at the rate of \$1 per ton to owner, \$7.30 each to vessel fishermen, \$3.90 per man to boat fishermen, and \$1 per boat to the owners. The number of vessels which received bounty in 1903 was 851, with a tonnage of 26,501, showing an increase of 56 vessels and 980 tons as compared with 1902. The number of boats on which bounty was paid was 11,327, and the number of boat fishermen who received bounty was 19,149, being a decrease of 601 boats and 1,077 fishermen, as compared with the previous year. The total number of fishermen in vessels and boats to whom bounty was paid in 1903 was 25,510 as against 26,510 in 1902. The number of fishing bounty claims filed was 12,217 and the number paid was 12,178. The total bounties paid since 1882 amount to \$3,474,911, distributed as follows:—

Year.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	P. E. Island	Quebec.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1882.....	106,099	16,997	16,137	33,053	172,286
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	151,539
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	156,892
1892.....	109,410	10,865	9,783	29,694	159,752
1893.....	108,061	12,691	9,329	28,321	158,284
1894.....	111,460	12,524	7,876	28,040	160,067
1895.....	110,765	12,919	9,285	30,598	163,568
1896.....	98,048	13,603	9,747	32,992	154,390
1897.....	102,084	13,454	9,809	32,157	157,504
1898.....	103,730	13,746	10,188	31,795	159,459
1899.....	106,599	13,514	7,822	32,065	160,000
1900.....	101,447	13,563	10,589	33,203	158,802
1901.....	101,024	13,420	8,335	33,162	155,942
1902.....	100,456	14,556	8,717	36,125	159,853
1903.....	99,714	14,873	9,653	34,704	158,944
Total.....	2,219,211	334,025	223,225	695,440	3,474,911