

PRODUCTION

13.—Government Bounties to Fishermen in the fiscal years 1909 to 1912.

Provinces.	Number of men who received bounties.				Value of bounties paid.			
	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	1,950	1,696	1,789	1,689	9,709	8,974	9,558	8,670
Nova Scotia.....	15,049	14,082	13,647	14,334	98,156	95,414	96,468	99,425
New Brunswick.....	2,399	2,004	2,171	2,073	17,204	15,480	16,531	15,795
Quebec.....	7,834	7,340	7,488	7,723	34,931	35,354	36,610	36,110
Total.....	27,232	25,122	25,095	25,819	160,000	155,222	159,167	160,000

Other government assistance to the fishing industry takes the form of encouraging the development of markets for fresh fish in the interior of the country by payment of one-third of the ordinary express charges on shipments of fresh fish from the Atlantic coast to points as far west as the eastern boundary of Ontario and from the Pacific coast as far east as that boundary. Cold storage cars by fast freight are placed at the disposal of shippers from the Atlantic sea-board, and aid is rendered in the building of small cold storage establishments for the storing of bait. Fish-breeding is carried on by the Dominion Government upon an extensive scale, the appropriation for this service in 1912 amounting to \$322,300. The hatcheries number altogether 44, in addition to three sub-hatcheries and five retaining ponds for Atlantic salmon. They are situated in Prince Edward Island (3), Nova Scotia (8), New Brunswick (5), Quebec (8), Ontario (5), Manitoba (3) and British Columbia (12).

As shown in Table 14 the total marketed value of all kinds of fish, fish products and marine animals, taken by Canadian fishermen in both the sea and inland fisheries during the year ended March 31, 1912, amounted to \$34,667,872. Never before has the total value of the fisheries of Canada passed, or even reached the thirty million dollar mark. The value for 1911 reached \$29,965,433, which up to that time was the highest recorded; so that the total for the year 1911-12 surpassed that high mark by \$4,702,439. To the total amount the sea fisheries contributed \$30,842,875, and the inland fisheries \$3,824,997.¹

¹ For further details respecting the Canadian fishing industry see Annual Reports of the Department of Marine and Fisheries from which the statistics in the Year Book have been compiled.