

catches and to ship crews. Out of this treaty grew the so-called *modus vivendi* licenses. Since it was recognized that the treaty could not receive official sanction before the commencement of the fishing season, it was agreed that the United States fishing vessels, on paying \$1.50 per registered ton, should receive annual licenses conveying the above privileges. The treaty was rejected by the United States Senate, but Canada continued to issue *modus vivendi* licenses up to 1918, when arrangements were made for reciprocal privileges in the ports of either country. The arrangement was discontinued in the United States on July 1, 1921. In the following year the *modus vivendi* licenses were revived in Canada, but the system was terminated on Dec. 31, 1923, and the United States fishing vessels are now limited to the provisions of the Treaty of 1818.

On the Great Lakes also, the more important fishery problems, such as re-stocking and marketing, are necessarily international in character, and are complicated by the number of State Governments interested. Much the same situation has developed in British Columbia, where the sockeye of the Fraser are taken by the canners of Puget sound in quantities that largely exceed the catch of the Canadian canners, and by trap nets and other methods forbidden in Canadian waters. In 1906 an International Commission first discussed the question, while in 1922 the prohibition of sockeye fishing in the Fraser for 5 years, with a view to conservation, was recommended by a Parliamentary Commission.

The Halibut Fishery.—The halibut fishery on this side of the Pacific is engaged in only from Canadian and United States ports, but owing to the fact that it is largely carried on beyond territorial waters, neither country alone can control it. At the same time it is in the interests of both countries that the fishery should be permanently maintained in a flourishing condition. The question of finding an adequate method of dealing with the matter was therefore one of those referred to the Canadian-American Fisheries Conference that was appointed in 1918 by the Governments of the two countries to consider a settlement of outstanding fishery questions between Canada and the United States. In 1922 Canada proposed that the halibut question should be considered by itself. This was agreed to, and resulted in the treaty signed Mar. 2, 1923, "For the Protection of the Pacific Halibut" Under this treaty a close season is provided for halibut fishing from Nov. 16 in each year to Feb. 15 following, both dates inclusive. This treaty was ratified on Oct. 21, 1924, and became effective Nov. 1, 1924 (see c. 61 of the Statutes of 1923 and c. 4 of the Statutes of 1924).

Fishing Bounties.—An important though indirect aftermath of the Washington Treaty remains. By an Act of 1882 (45 Vict., c. 18), for the development of the sea fisheries and the encouragement of boat-building, provision was made for the distribution annually among fishermen and the owners of fishing boats of \$150,000 in bounties, representing the interest on the amount of the Halifax award. An Act of 1891 (54-55 Vict., c. 42), increased the amount to \$160,000, the details of the expenditure being settled each year by Order in Council. For the year 1926, payment was made on the following basis:—to owners of vessels entitled to receive bounty, \$1 per registered ton, payment to the owner of any one vessel not to exceed \$80; to vessel fishermen entitled to receive bounty, \$7.50 each; to owners of boats measuring not less than 13 feet keel, \$1 per boat; to boat fishermen entitled to receive bounty, \$5.60 each. The claims paid numbered 11,036, compared with 9,979 paid in the previous year. The total amount paid in 1926 was \$159,768. Details of the distribution of bounties for the years 1923 to 1926 are as follows:—