Quantities and Values in Recent Years.—The wide variations in prices from year to year make total values misleading. On the other hand, the quantities of different kinds of fish are stated in many different units which make the total volume of production difficult to compare from year to year. An effort is made to overcome these difficulties in Tables 5 and 5A by working out what the values would be in a later year if prices had remained the same as in the preceding year. From 1931 to 1932 there was a decline of 15 p.c. in the total value of the fisheries. The decrease due to lower prices was 11·5 p.c., while that due to a smaller catch was 3·5 p.c. In 1933 there was some improvement and total value increased by 6·2 p.c. over 1932. The increase due to better prices was 4·3 p.c., while larger quantities caught accounted for an increase of 1·9 p.c. in total values. The improvement in 1933, although encouraging as the first change in a declining trend which had persisted since 1928, was not large, so that total values in 1933 were still lower than those of 1931 by 9·7 p.c.—7·9 p.c. due to lower prices and only 1·8 p.c. due to smaller catch. During the longer period from 1928 to 1933 total values have declined from $55,051,000 to $27,558,000 or by 50·0 p.c. The decline due to lower prices has been 28·8 p.c., while that due to a reduction in the catch has been 21·2 p.c.

5.—Yields of the Fisheries of Canada, Compared as to Quantity and Value, for 1931 and 1932. ("000" omitted.)

Kind of Fish or Product.	Actual Value, 1932.	Value at Prices of 1931.	Actual Value, 1931.	Increase (+) or Decrease (−)	Due to Higher (+) or Lower (−) Prices.	Due to Larger (+) or Smaller (−) Quantities.
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Salmon	8,038	7,900	7,972	+ 66	+ 138	− 72
Lobsters	4,745	5,593	5,037	− 292	− 848	+ 556
Cod	2,194	2,761	2,827	− 633	− 567	− 66
Herring	1,473	1,763	2,330	− 857	− 290	− 567
Halibut	1,228	1,636	1,780	− 552	− 408	− 144
Whitefish	1,194	1,264	1,425	− 231	− 70	− 161
Haddock	1,115	1,349	1,363	− 248	− 234	− 14
Pickerel or doré	708	742	765	− 57	− 34	− 23
Smelts	691	843	653	+ 38	− 152	+ 190
Trout	558	619	708	− 150	− 61	− 89
Sardines	427	880	838	− 411	− 453	+ 42
Pilchards	384	487	808	− 424	− 103	− 321
Mackerel	277	457	502	− 225	− 180	− 45
Perch	272	275	232	+ 40	− 3	+ 43
Tullibee	224	212	190	+ 34	+ 12	+ 22
Mixed fish	201	129	177	+ 24	+ 72	− 48
Blue pickerel	175	134	178	− 3	+ 41	− 44
Clams and quahaugs	168	203	228	− 60	− 35	− 25
Ling cod	160	187	239	− 79	− 27	− 52
Hake and cusk	134	143	192	− 58	− 9	− 49
Pike	133	147	162	− 29	− 14	− 15
Oysters	115	183	194	− 79	− 68	− 11
Eels	110	135	126	− 16	− 25	+ 9
Saugers	105	77	74	+ 31	+ 28	+ 3
Swordfish	100	194	237	− 137	− 94	− 43
Sturgeon	93	127	99	− 6	− 34	+ 28
Catfish	84	86	88	− 4	− 2	− 2
Scallops	77	83	42	+ 35	− 6	+ 41
Carp	67	77	69	− 2	− 10	+ 8
Alewives	67	82	95	− 28	− 15	− 13
Pollock	64	94	62	+ 2	− 30	+ 32
Shad	54	91	65	− 11	− 37	+ 26
Soles	47	50	50	− 3	− 3	-
Black cod	39	43	40	− 1	− 4	+ 3
Goldeyes	38	35	39	− 1	+ 3	− 4
Seals	30	34	26	+ 4	− 4	+ 8
Flounders, Brill, etc	27	27	28	− 1	-	− 1
Shrimps	20	19	16	+ 4	+ 1	+ 3
Grayfish	12	30	54	− 42	− 18	− 24
Tom cod	8	14	51	− 43	− 6	− 37
Fish meal, n.e.s.	130	59	217	− 87	+ 71	− 158
Other fishery products	171	194	239	− 68	− 23	− 45
Totals	**25,957**	**29,458**	**30,517**	**− 4,560**	**− 3,501**	**− 1,059**
Decreases per cent	-	-	-	− 15·0	− 11·5	− 3·5