

557. The last table shows that there has been a steady increase in the value of the product of fisheries, during the past four years, the increase in 1891 over 1890 amounting to \$1,263,176, and over 1888 to \$1,559,568. There was an increase in the value of the yield in each province, except in British Columbia and Ontario, the largest increase having been in New Brunswick, viz., \$871,996.

Increase in the value of fisheries.

558. The following table, applicable to the whole catch of the Dominion, shows the increase or decrease in value of the principal kinds of fish in 1891 as compared with the catch of 1890 :—

Value of catch of principal fish, 1890 and 1891.

VALUE AND CATCH OF PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF THE FISHERIES IN 1891, COMPARED WITH 1890.

FISH.	Value.	Increase.	Decrease.
	\$	\$	\$
Cod.....	3,827,708	394,128	.....
Herring.....	2,294,914	336,422	.....
Salmon.....	2,256,249	.....	780,320
Lobsters.....	2,252,421	604,076	.....
Mackerel.....	1,969,570	444,595	.....
Seal skins.....	826,084	309,128	.....
Whitefish.....	791,185	23,527	.....
Trout.....	661,344	36,058	.....
Haddock.....	525,595	.....	6,473
Fish oils.....	358,668	43,634	.....
Hake.....	315,555	.....	61,885
Smelts.....	277,035	.....	6,408
Pollock.....	243,744	.....	29,804
Halibut.....	215,469	94,796	.....
Alewives.....	194,029	1,578	.....
Sardines.....	192,936	77,184	.....
Oysters.....	183,846	12,068	.....
Pickarel.....	134,130	.....	39,290

559. The aggregate increase in the value of the catch of cod, herring, lobsters, mackerel and seals was \$2,088,349. The largest decrease was in the value of salmon, principally in British Columbia.

Increase and decrease.

560. The following table gives the number and value of boats, nets, &c., and the number of men employed in the fisheries in the several provinces in 1891, according to returns published by the Fisheries Department. The value of much of the fishing material has necessarily to be estimated only, but on the basis of the figures given below the total amount of the capital invested in 1891 reached the sum of \$7,376,186 :—

Number and value of fishing vessels, etc., 1891.