

The figures in the foregoing table will probably be found interesting, as giving some idea of the enormous quantities of some kinds of fish that are taken annually, though they are almost too large to convey any really correct impression.

Quantities and values of certain kinds of fish, 1869-1891.

573. The next table is a summary of the quantities and values of the same fish, taken during the same period :—

### CANADIAN FISHERIES.

TOTAL QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF CERTAIN KINDS OF FISH TAKEN DURING THE YEARS 1869-1891.

KINDS OF FISH.	Quantity.	Value.
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Cod and ling . . . . . Cwt.	20,706,029	86,879,756
Haddock . . . . . Lbs.	271,072,030	10,712,988
Mackerel, pickled . . . . . Brls.	3,120,079	} 32,773,523
“ fresh, in cans . . . . . Lbs.	7,154,266	
Herring, pickled . . . . . Brls.	8,144,076	} 42,222,530
“ smoked . . . . . Boxes.	23,085,742	
“ fresh . . . . . Lbs.	59,600,974	
“ frozen . . . . . No.	*175,667,210	
Salmon, pickled . . . . . Brls.	156,823½	} 28,644,343
“ smoked and fresh and in cans . . . . . Lbs.	210,123,468	
Lobsters . . . . . “	326,738,740	37,701,982
Smelts . . . . . “	70,475,173	3,940,156
Fish oils . . . . . Galls.	19,084,715	10,300,025

Fisheries of the great lakes.

574. The fisheries of the great lakes are the largest and most important fresh water fisheries in the world, and the great value of the Canadian portion of these fisheries is not generally appreciated. The area of fresh water belonging to Canada, in the Lakes Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario, is about 72,700 square miles, and in 1890, 1,203 vessels and boats, manned by 2,920 men, using 1,441,695 fathoms of nets, were employed in fishing therein. Whitefish, salmon and lake trout, sturgeon, herring, bass and pickerel are the principal fish. According to the census returns of 1890, the fish caught on the United States sides of the lakes in that year showed an increase of 58 per cent in value, as compared with 1880, while the value of the fish caught on the Canadian sides in the same year showed an increase of more than 350 per cent over the catch of 1880.

\* The quantity of frozen herring for 1890 and 1891 is included in “herring, fresh.”