

the northern banks usually lasts from the first of April to the first of November. It might be extended even much longer, but that later weather is usually unfavorable. A crew for such a business numbers from 15 to 30 men.

The mainland, however, is the great field for the salmon—the Columbia, Fraser and Skeena rivers are literally alive with them during the fishing season. The canneries, as a matter of convenience, are all on the mainland, though some of them are owned by Island parties. Sturgeon and other fish are also found in abundance in most of our larger rivers. The salmon pack of last year was well up to 1,000,000 cases, going to all countries mentioned above as our regular customers. The magnitude of the industry may be understood by saying the total revenues of the industry in the province going to the Federal government for licenses, etc., is yearly about \$50,000, with an expenditure of \$13,000, while the revenues of the rest of Canada from the same sources only foot up to \$38,000, with an expenditure of four times that amount.

Properly speaking, sealing is also a portion of this industry. Usually from 25 to 35 schooners are annually employed in it, the average yearly catch being worth about \$75,000 in the London market. All told the province has at present some 75 vessels annually employed in deep water fishing, manned by about 250 men. No official figures are at hand showing the number of men employed in the industry in the inland waters, but it is very large—several thousand—distributing a large sum of money in the country. Like all the other industries of the province, this one is yet but in its infancy, and as the inland waters are explored in this enterprise, and they are all found to be fully inhabited, the number of men eventually employed in it throughout the country will become very large. As with the other industries, so with canning. It offers inducements for capital and enterprises scarcely excelled by any of the later enterprises.

#### RECAPITULATION.

The mining districts, one way or another, embrace nearly one-third of the area of this immense country, and in placers, silver-lead, gold, gold-copper, lodes and coal mining open fields for the miner in every condition of means. The man who has no more than his \$10 outfit and a supply of provisions can find a field in the placers or prospecting the hills for lodes. The man with a few hundred dollars, who prefers to purchase, can find what he wants in