

added the value of the ships built during the year—75 vessels, with a tonnage of 26,263, valued at £170,709 sterling.

The number of vessels built in the Province in the year 1859 was 93, tonnage 38,330.

The whole number of vessels entered at ports in the Province in the year 1858 was as follows:—Vessels, 3146; tons, 573,473; crews, 21,468. It will appear from the above figures that there has been a considerable falling off in the exports since 1854. This is owing to the general prostration of commerce during the intervening years, but there is no doubt that the removal of the causes which have injuriously affected the trade of the world will soon restore to this Province its wonted prosperity, of which there are already many promising indications.

That our business is steadily reviving will appear, I think, from the following table of arrivals at the Port of Saint John in the years 1858 and 1859—the only indicia I have, as the returns of the Treasury Department which embrace the exports and imports, are not yet made up.

Vessels entered at Port of St. John in 1858,	1651.	Tonnage,	366,773
“	“	1859,	1786.
“	“	“	439,896
The whole revenues of the Province in 1857, were £167,063 0 0			
“	“	1858,	136,183 16 11

According to the estimates laid before the House of Assembly, now in session, the revenue for the year 1859 is £193,381, being an increase of £57,041 over that of 1858

FISHERIES.

The fisheries next claim our attention, as being among the known resources of the country.

Fish of finest quality and in endless quantity are to be found on our coasts and in our rivers, bays and lakes; and all that is wanting to turn them to profitable account is *labour*. That our waters fairly teem with life may be judged of from the fact that eight or nine hundred sail of American fishing vessels annually pass into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which washes the eastern shore of this Province, whence they return laden with the scaly products of the sea.

That fishing has never been followed to any considerable extent by the inhabitants of New Brunswick may seem