

the Canal Commission of 1870: "with the opening of the Canal there must of necessity, be a remarkable impulse given to the Mackerel Fisheries of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, to which a short and secure route will be given, not only to the people of the North and South shores of the Bay of Fundy, but to those of Yarmouth and Shelburne who are altogether engaged in Maritime pursuits." From this inexhaustible mine of Dominion wealth, the Bay of Fundy ports are shut out because of the long and dangerous voyage.

WILLIAM F. WHITCHER, ESQ.

Mr. Whitcher the Fishery Commissioner, says: the money value of the Fisheries for 1874 was \$11,681,886, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of the previous year; these figures represent the fish exported. It is computed that ten per cent. should be added for domestic supply."

Even with the exclusion of the Bay ports from the Gulf fisheries, the catch of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is large and growing.

	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Nova Scotia,.....	\$4,019,424	\$6,570,739	\$6,316,835	\$6,577,086	\$6,652,301
New Brunswick,.....	1,131,435	1,578,695	1,965,450	2,285,661	2,685,703

ROBERT MARSHALL, ESQ., ST. JOHN.

Mr. Marshall, one of the Vice Presidents of the Dominion Board of Trade, says, "the proposed Canal would give to Canada a larger share in the Fisheries than they now possess, they are now largely monopolized by the United States; for that end the Canal is indispensable." The American catch is estimated at from six to eight millions; the total value of the fisheries for the year would be over \$18,000,000.

HON. MR. HOWLAN, OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

At a late meeting of the Dominion Board of Trade, Mr. Howlan stated: "Our Fisheries are only in their infancy, the Americans had 1000 vessels engaged in the mackerel fisheries alone, worth not less than \$5,000,000, manned by more than 12,000 seamen. The single town of Gloucester. Mass., sends out more than 400 of these vessels."

If the opening of the Canal will do nothing more than lead to a vigorous prosecution of the Gulf fisheries, the advantages direct and incidental that would follow would be very great.

To-day the markets of the World are open to the products of the Gulf, the Bays and Rivers of the Dominion. Mr. Whitcher says "the