

FISHING BOUNTIES.

The total number of bounty claims received by the Fisheries Department in 1886, was 14,812 against 14,315 in 1885, an increase of 497. Of this, 152 claims were rejected for non-compliance with the regulations, and 21 held over for further enquiry.

The total number of claims paid, in 1886, was 14,900, an increase of 776 over 1885.

The total amount of money distributed as fishing bounties among vessels and boats was \$160,903.59; a decrease of \$693.80 as compared with 1885.

The number of vessels entitled to the bounty in 1886, amounted to 791, with a tonnage of 30,804 tons; a decrease of 40 vessels and a tonnage of 1,413 as compared with 1885.

The number of boats among which the bounty was distributed in 1886, reached 14,109, against 13,293 in 1885, and the number of fishermen 27,446; an increase of 816 boats and 705 fishermen over the previous year.

For details of payments to vessels and boats see Appendix No. 2, page 53.

FISH BREEDING.

There are twelve hatcheries under the control of the Dominion Government located as follows:—

ONTARIO—

Newcastle,
Sandwich.

NEW BRUNSWICK—

Miramichi,
St. John River.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—

Dunk River.

QUEBEC—

Magog,
Tadoussac,
Gaspé,
Ristigouche.

NOVA SCOTIA—

Bedford,
Sydney.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—

Fraser River.

The total number of young fish of various kinds hatched at, and distributed from, the several hatcheries of the Dominion during the season of 1887, from the crop of 1886, amounted to 77,673,000, and the total quantity of ova laid down in all the hatcheries, during the fall of 1887, was 110,580,200.

The kinds of fish at present hatched out in these hatcheries include] the Atlantic and Pacific salmon, the whitefish and salmon trout of the great lakes of Ontario, the pickerel (*doré*), and the speckled or brook trout.

Complete details and statements connected with fish-breeding operations, during the season of 1887, will be found in Part II of the present report.