

"that Canadians especially are now more than ever anxious to preserve them as the finest material portion of our Colonial heritage."

"The fact of foreign nations having always clung with such tenacity to every right and common liberty which they have been enabled to secure in these Fisheries, and the eagerness which foreigners manifest to establish themselves in the actual use of such extensive and lucrative privileges constitute the best extrinsic evidence of the wide-spreading influence of their possession and the strongest testimony to their industrial and commercial worth."

"VALUE OF FISH CAUGHT BY BRITISH AND AMERICAN FISHERMEN,"

"The aggregate value of the fish products of the Provincial Fisheries is nearly seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000), and it is susceptible of being increased to a very much greater value."

"Americans employ—tonnage varying—between eight and eleven hundred vessels in these Fisheries. Their estimated annual catch, chiefly within the three mile limit, is valued at about eight millions of dollars (\$8,000,000). The probable value of capital embarked in carrying on the inshore Fisheries is computed at nine millions of dollars (\$9,000,000); thus making a total interest of some seventeen millions of dollars (\$17,000,000)."

APPENDIX "C" TO THE ABOVE REPORT.

QUANTITY AND FIELD.	PRICE.	AMOUNT.	Province of New Scotia. Vide page 508.
4,587 bbls. Salmon.....	\$15 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl.	68,805	00
111,000 cans do.	15c. $\frac{3}{4}$ can	16,650	00
816,005 lbs. do.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.	39,500	62
550 smoked Salmon.....	\$1 each	550	00
85,254 bbls. Mackerel....	\$12 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl.	1,023,048	00
128,392 do. Herrings.....	\$4 do.	493,568	00
12,130 boxes smoked Herrings.....	75c. $\frac{3}{4}$ box	9,335	00
14,888 bbls. Alewives.....	\$3 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl.	80,281	00
1,040 do. Eels.....	\$8 do.	8,480	00
102 do. Trout.....	\$8 do.	816	00
1,584 do. Halibut.....	\$6 do.	9,204	00
899,809 quintals Cod.....	\$4 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ qt.	1,699,198	25
92,518 do. Scale Fish.....	\$3 $\frac{1}{2}$ do.	823,795	50
6,214 bbls. Shad.....	\$9 $\frac{3}{4}$ bbl.	55,926	00
820 do. Smelt.....	\$4 do.	3,280	00
558,000 can Lobsters.....	15c. $\frac{3}{4}$ can	82,950	00
297,826 gals. Oil.....	45c. $\frac{3}{4}$ gal.	133,798	70
Total.....		\$4,019,424	27

"The prices upon which these Returns are based are rather below the average obtained in our own market."

"In order to get at the real value of this branch of trade to the country, the prices obtained by the exporter in foreign markets, less the expense of exportation, should be adopted, in which case the value of the fish would be very much greater. The increase in the catch of Mackerel over last year amounts to 38,879 barrels, the value of which would be nearly half a million of dollars."

(Signed,) "P. MITCHELL,
"Minister of Marine and Fisheries."

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Certified. (Signed,) W. F. WHITCHER.