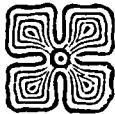


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BOX 883.

## Fisheries Report.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The annual report of the marine and fisheries department was issued to-day. The details of the total expenditure for the different fisheries' services during the last fiscal year amounted to \$11,717. This amount comprises the fisheries proper, \$8,161; fish cultures, \$38,070; fisheries protection service, \$97,370; miscellaneous expenditure, \$31,125; besides the \$100,000 distributed as fishing bounties.

The total value of the catch of fish in Canada for the year 1899-1900 amounted to \$21,891,700, being an increase of about two and a quarter million dollars over the yield of the preceding year. By provinces it is as follows:

	Value.	Increase.
Nova Scotia...	\$7,347,004	\$ 121,569
British Columbia...	5,214,074	61,600,972
New Brunswick...	4,119,891	270,533
Quebec...	1,953,134	191,694
Ontario...	1,690,447	150,833
Prince Edward Island	1,043,045	
Manitoba and N.W.T.	622,021	9,556

### B. O.'s Big Surplus.

There is an increase in almost every province, and British Columbia, which the previous year showed a decline of nearly two and a half million dollars, exhibits the highest surplus, amounting to over one and a half million dollars, due almost solely to the salmon industry in the province which fluctuates from year to year. New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, and Nova Scotia also largely contributed to the above mentioned increase. The deep sea fishermen of the maritime provinces received the sum of \$160,000 as fishing bounties on the season's catch. Of this amount \$71,079 was divided amongst the owners of 789 vessels and their crews, and \$88,920 was distributed to 21,738 boat fishermen. These different amounts covered the payment of 13,628 claims; 131 claims were refused payment on account of illegalities. For last year Nova Scotia received more than two-thirds of the bounty fund, amounting to \$106,598. The amount in Quebec was \$32,065; New Brunswick, \$13,514 and Prince Edward Island, \$7,822. Since its inception (1882) the sum of \$2,841,360 has been distributed among the fishermen of the above mentioned provinces to substantially aid the development of their sea fisheries.

### Nearly 80,000 Employed.

No less than 79,863 men were last year earning their livelihood by exploiting our water using 5,500,700 fathoms of nets and other fishing gear representing a capital of \$10,000,000. Nearly 1,200 schooners and tugs manned by 8,976 sailors, as well as 70,893 other fishermen, using over 38,000 boats, find occupation in this vast industry. The lobster plant alone is estimated at \$1,334,180 comprising 538 canneries, dispersed on the seaboard of the maritime provinces. No less than 18,708 persons found employment in this branch of the fishing industry using over 1,360,000 traps.

The salmon preserving industry of British Columbia, comprising 69 canneries, and representing a capital of \$1,380,000, gives employment to 18,977 hands. The use of three bait freezers during the year was very satisfactory.

### New Fisheries Inspector.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Mr. Hurley, ex-M. P., East Hastings, has been appointed inspector of fisheries for western Ontario.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—According to the annual report of the department of inland revenue for the year ending 1900 last, which has just been issued, the quantity of spirits produced during the year was 2,658,577 proof gallons, as compared with 3,443,065 proof gallons produced during the previous fiscal year. The revenue derived during the year by the department was \$10,032,076, an increase over last fiscal year of \$214,734. Each Canadian is credited with having consumed 1.1 of a gallon of spirits, 4.364 gallons of beer, .085 of a gallon of wine, and smoked 2.300 lbs. of tobacco. In 1899 the figures were .661 of a gallon of spirits, 3.395 gallons of beer, .06 gallons of wine and 3.174 lbs. of tobacco per head.

The number of cigars manufactured was 130,389,470 and 138,841,700 were consumed during the year, which was a very large increase over the previous year, over ten million more cigars being used in 1900 than in 1899.