

delicate morsel can be extracted from those celebrated bivalves, than from those of our own native growth. The following Census statistics compare the fisheries of 1880 with those of 1870 :—

	1870.	1880.	Increase.
Vessels and boats employed	1,183	2,729	1,546
Men do	1,446	5,792	4,146
Quintals of cod, haddock, hake and pollock caught	15,649	26,392	10,743
Barrels of herring and gasperaux	16,831	22,457	5,626
Barrels of mackerel	16,047	91,792	75,745
Barrels of other fish .....	.....	706	.....
Barrels of oysters .....	.....	175,408	.....
Lbs. of canned lobsters	6,711	3,275,316	3,268,605

It will be seen by comparing the above table with that from the Fisheries Report, 1886, that 1880 was a very exceptional year with regard to mackerel, and it may as well be observed with regard to oysters, that, while the Fishery table quoted gives the quantity *shipped*, this, from the Census, gives the quantity *caught*, thus including those for home consumption.

Apart, altogether, from their direct value, financially and industrially, to the province itself, the island waters are of immense importance, far transcending their mere extent. The mackerel fisheries, in what is known as the North Bay of the Island, are considered, by competent authorities, worth more than those on all the other eastern coasts of the Dominion put together.

EXPORTS.

The volume of exports from the Province is very large, and few, even of the residents of the Island, are aware of the quantities of products annually shipped to other countries, and of the sum of money returned to the people therefor. The following table, which has been compiled from the Customs entries, show their value for the year ended 30th September, 1883, to have been about three millions of dollars, more than double that of the year 1871 :—

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

OF THE VALUE OF THE EXPORTS OF THE PRODUCTS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FOR THE YEARS ENDED RESPECTIVELY, 31ST DECEMBER, 1871, AND 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1883.

ARTICLES.	1871.		1882-3.	
	QUANTITIES.	VALUE.	QUANTITIES.	VALUE.
Oats	1,229,174 bush's.	\$ 511,635	1,525,000 bush's.	\$ 610,000
Barley	28,030 "	18,665	11,000 "	8,000
Wheat	31 "	55	.....	.....
Flour and Meal .....	.....	9,900	Oatmeal	1,500
Potatoes	355,048 "	99,844	1,345,000 "	336,500
Turnips	25,870 "	4,560	33,000 "	6,600
Other Vegetables .....	.....	277	.....	5,400
Starch .....	.....	.....	2,140,000 lbs.	64,500
Hay	338 tons	5,392	380 tons.	5,500