

year, and at the present time they are plentiful in these waters. Our unsuccessful weir fishers are making every effort, by catching them, to retrieve their bad luck."

Overseer McLAUGHLIN again urges that Warden Gilmour be provided with a suitable boat to enable him to perform his duties more effectually. He states that complaints of illegal fishing, which, without a boat, the Warden is powerless to prevent, are frequently made, and immunity in wrong doing only encourages the offenders. He also repeats his request that Mr. David Engalls be appointed Warden at Three Islands, which place is so distant that a resident officer is necessary to enforce the law.

From the foregoing reports and extracts, Your Honor will notice that in almost all districts in the northern counties the winter smelt fishery and the great increase in the lobster fishery have added much to the duties of both Overseers and Wardens. This has occasioned a larger expenditure for necessary disbursements in enforcing the regulations. The sardine fishery in Charlotte County, and the great increase in the number of weirs have had the same effect. In many instances the salaries paid to officers are not sufficient to remunerate them for the increased time and attention their duties demand, and I would respectfully recommend that active and faithful officers receive some substantial addition to their present small stipends.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. H. VENNING,
Inspector of Fisheries, N.B.

RECAPITULATION

Of the Yield and Value of the Fisheries of New Brunswick during the Year 1880.

Kinds of Fish.	Quantities.	Prices		Value.
		\$	cts.	\$ cts.
Salmon, pickled.....	53 barrels, at...	18	00	954 00
do fresh, in ice.....	821,555 lbs. "...	0	15	123,233 25
do smoked.....	1,000 " "...	0	15	150 00
do in cans.....	23,000 " "...	0	25	5,750 00
Mackerel.....	19,650 barrels "...	10	00	196,500 00
do preserved.....	66,427 cans "...	0	15	9,964 05
Herrings.....	125,552 barrels "...	4	00	502,208 00
do smoked.....	477,340 boxes "...	0	25	119,335 00
Alewives.....	15,147 barrels "...	5	00	75,735 00
Cod.....	69,099 cwt. "...	4	25	293,670 75
Cod, Tongues and Sounds.....	602 barrels "...	7	00	4,214 00
Pollock.....	18,873 cwt. "...	5	50	66,055 50
Hake.....	61,054 " "...	3	50	213,689 00
Haddock.....	695,050 lbs. "...	0	06	41,703 00
Halibut.....	270,100 " "...	0	06	16,206 00
Shad.....	3,289 barrels "...	8	00	26,312 00
Bass.....	177,839 lbs. "...	0	06	10,670 34
Trout.....	40,030 " "...	0	06	2,401 80
Smelt.....	2,553,828 " "...	0	03	76,614 84
Eels.....	1,058 barrels "...	9	00	9,522 00
Oysters.....	12,280 " "...	3	00	36,840 00
Lobsters, in cans.....	4,734,331 cans "...	0	15	710,149 65
Fish Oil.....	109,386 galls "...	0	65	71,100 90
do used as manure.....	9,045 barrels "...	0	50	4,522 50
do Guano.....	1,305 tons "...	15	00	19,575 00
Sturgeon.....	602,500 lbs. "...	0	01	6,025 00
Sardines.....	20,269 hhds. "...	5	00	101,345 00
Total, 1880.....				\$2,744,446 58
do 1879.....				2,554,722 22
Increase.....				\$189,724 36