

The other Provinces \$3.55.

Exhibitions of live stock, farm, garden and dairy products, and manufactures, are, and have been, for a number of years, of annual occurrence. Great public interest is taken in these shows, and the Provincial Exhibition, held in Charlottetown, although only supported by a small public grant, is, from an agricultural point of view superior to any annual Show of the kind in Eastern Canada.

#### FISHERIES.

Prince Edward Island is, without doubt, the best fishing station in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, but the habits and feelings of the inhabitants are so decidedly agricultural, that the fisheries have not received from them the attention which they deserve. They consist chiefly of mackerel, lobsters, herring, cod, hake and oysters, while salmon, bass, shad, halibut and trout, are caught in limited quantities. Their value may be appreciated from the fact that, during 1882, there were taken from the sea 16,000,000 lbs. weight of fish food, and 107,250 lbs. from the running waters, besides 5,500,000 of edible fish used as bait. In other words, there were taken, at the lowest calculation, for food 8,000,000 of mackerel, 6,000,000 of herring, and 10,000,000 of cod and hake, 3,000,000 of oysters, and 22,000,000 of lobsters besides other fish.

The Dominion Fisheries Report for 1886 gives the following statement for the Province :—

KINDS OF FISH.	1886.	
	Quantity.	Value.
		\$ cts.
Cod .....	12,850 cwt.	51,400,00
Ditto, boneless.....	35,790 lbs.	2,147,40
Herring.....	43,204 Brls.	129,612,00
Mackerel.....	27,534 Brls.	275,340,00
Ditto, preserved.....	679,584 Cans.	67,958,40
Haddock.....	71,550 lbs.	4,293,00
Hake .....	9,530 cwt.	28,590,00
Salmon, fresh.....	2,440 lbs.	366,00
Alewives.....	700 brls.	2,100,00
Halibut.....	9,680 lbs.	580,80
Bass.....	200 "	12,00
Trout.....	75,195 "	4,511,70
Smelts.....	74,100 "	4,446,00
Eels.....	150,650 "	9,039,00
Shad.....	750 "	45,00
Oysters.....	33,125 brls.	99,375,00
Lobsters, preserved in cans.....	3,616,780 lbs.	434,013,60
Cod and Hake sounds.....	20,580 "	12,348,00
Fish oil.....	14,997 galls.	7,498,50
" manure.....	3,315 tons	3,315,00
Fresh fish local consumption.....		5,000,00
		<b>\$1,141,991.40</b>

The oyster fishery of the Island is extensive and annually increasing, and though many of the shells seem very coarse and heavy, to any one accustomed to the "London Natives," yet the coarseness is all on the outside, and no more